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This collection is the result of a program in self expression in which 30 fifth-grade students contemplated to music every other day throughout the school year--each child completed approximately 120 thinking or contemplation periods. The procedure used in the program operated in the following way: (1) 5 to 15 minutes of music played while the students attempted to sit back, relax, and enjoy the experience; and (2) at the end of their listening and experiencing, the students were asked to write down whatever came to mind, be it "reality" or "fantasy." Each of the 30 chapters contains a chronologically-arranged numbered list of the "contemplations" or thoughts recorded by a single child. Each chapter in its entirety should convey some understanding of the mind (imagination) and self (personality) of the particular student involved. The children's names are listed at the end of the collection. There is a one-page introduction preceding the 160 pages of lists of student musings. (NKA)

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INTRODUCTION

A BOOK OF EXPERIENCES is the result of a program in self-expression. Thirty fifth grade students contemplated to music every other day throughout the school year. Each child completed a total of approximately 120 thinking or contemplation periods.

The procedure used for developing self-expression was very simple. Five to fifteen minutes of music played while the students attempted to sit back, relax and enjoy the expereince. At the end of their listening and experiencing, they were asking to write down whatever came to mind:

"What was your experience?"
"What just happened inside your head?"
"Can you describe your thoughts and feelings?"
"What mind-pictures did you see?"

The children could write about whatever they wanted, be it the world of "reality" or the world of fantasy. In other words, the field of perception was left "open" for them.

I have collected the contemplations for each child and put them together in the form of "chapters." I selected those contemplations which would give you, the reader, the best idea or picture of "who" a particular student is. Writings were also chosen according to the frequency in which they appeared throughout a student's total responses. Hopefully, the sampling within each chapter would indicate a "direction" for the experiences of the child. Thus, each chapter should be read "whole." When you have completed a chapter, you should have some understanding of the mind (imagination) and self (personality) of the student. The chapters have been laid out so you will recognize the wide range of experiencing in the class. The numbers in the left-hand margin indicate the chronological order of contemplations from #1 to #120.

Chapter 30 is called "A Penny For Your Thought." Once experienced in the art of contemplation, the children wrote down epxeriences "coming" to them throughout the school day. (This activity was separate from the actual contemplation periods.) They jotted down their experiences on an index card. I selected writings representative of the prior 29 chapters. By so doing, I hoped to achieve a "stream of consciousnesses" for the entire class.

CHAPTER 1

#1 Nothing

#3 I was thinking of the time me and my brother broke my mother's best lamp with a football. She told my father and boy did my father hit me. He was so mad that he didn't eat. He just went out. In the morning my mother and father said sorry and kissed. What a happy ending!

#4 I felt good while I was doing the contemplation.

#5 I was the Mayor and they killed me while I was making a speech. My mother started crying.

#8 I remember the time I threw a toy car at my brother. I was about 3 years old and he was bleeding from his forehead.

#9 I felt good and comfortable while I was contemplating.

#12 I was a teacher and every time a boy or girl talked, I would hit them and send a letter home and then put them in first grade.

#14 I thought Jesus was married and he had seven kids and a wife. He was so busy with his kids and the pampers, he didn't have time to kiss his wife. He hanged himself with the pampers.

#17 I thought of this morning when I got up. I went to brush my teeth and I remembered the blue ribbon. I went to the kitchen where my mother was making breakfast. I told her I was scared. "I thought if you didn't wear the blue ribbon, you would get into trouble.

#19 This morning, when I came out of the bathroom mad and my brother bumped into me by mistake. He said sorry, but I was mad, and I took him and pushed him on the bed and hit him in the ribs. He hit me hard and I started to cry. He told my mother and she skolded me. Then I hit my brother in the tooth and he started to bleed. Then I was happy.

#20 I remembered lunch time. Right, I went to the G.O. and came back. I sat with Angel and Vicky was on the other side of the table. She started saying that she could beat me up and I said I don't like to fight because I don't like getting in trouble. Boy, was I mad.

#22 The song made my heart stop. I thought I was out of breath. Then my heart beat came back. Boy, something scared me.

#23 I thought of this morning when Miss Felcher came for the kids. When she gave the test, the second half of it, I thought I wouldn't finish. But I did. Boy, was I scared.

#24 The music made me feel out of this world. I thought I was in planet Mars with an eagle and I mean eagle. Boy, was I scared for a while.

#25 I was a mouse. One day I went to get cheese and there was a mouse trap. I took the cheese and wap, the mouse trap goes off and my heart stops working. The trap got me.

#26 I thought of this morning in my house. My big cousin came and started to hit me with a pen. I got so mad I punched her in the ribs and she cried like a baby.

#29 I thought of this morning when I was going to get up. I screamed, "oh right." We have gym today. I brushed my teeth and got dressed and came to school. I came straight to gym and saw no one. I was so happy until I saw no one was coming. Then I said to myself, "Hey, we don't have gym. We have library. I came a little late with no late pass. I thought she was going to scream at me, but she did not.

#31 I was a spider and the other spiders bothered me. One day I got so mad I punched one right in the old sucker and ran. Boy, was I scared.

#32 I thought about being a monkey. I ate alot of bananas. One day I ate until I threw up and the other monkeys made fun of me. Boy, was I embarrassed.

#34 The music made me feel like a rat. I thought I was one. I was scared.

#36 I felt like an airplane in the sky just flying and the air hitting against my hair.

#38 I remembered the time when me and my friends were playing baseball. My friend told me to throw a rock at the broken down building. I broke the window where people lived and the cops got me.

#39 I thought I was in space and these ugly people came and offered me some food. It was rocks. Then the big father came over and picked me up and said: "You eat this food or I'll feed you to the dragon. I was so scared that my space shoes and space pants fell off. I ate the rocks, but they turned out to be fruits. They looked like rocks, but they were real fruits. And they had banana splits. Boy, was that good. Then one of the kids kissed me good-bye. Boy, was I sad, but at the same time I was glad.

#40 I thought I was a skunk and everybody used to run away from me. One day I shook my own tail and I ran away.

#41 The music made me feel like eating a candy bar with melted chocolate and peanut butter.

#46 I thought I was a duck and the rest of the ducks hated me. But one day, they got into trouble and I saved them. Then they liked me.

#47 I thought about the time me and my brother were little. We were throwing oranges and my mother caught us and she did not do anything.

#49 I thought I was Santa Claus and I used to put one extra toy for everybody and they got very happy.

#51 I was a singer and all the girls loved me.

#53 I thought of being a puppy and I was so cute even the cats liked me.

#55 I thought I was a car and the owner drank alot. He forgot to put gas in my tank and I said to myself, "But I need my drink, too."

#56 I thought about being in outer space. I was very happy.

#57 I was a bird and I flew higher than any other bird.

#58 The song made me feel good and relaxed.

#59 I thought I was a snowman that talked and moved. One day I melted with the sun.

#61 I thought of being a spider and I made webs everywhere. One day some one caught me and I ran, but the cat stepped on me and that was the end of me. They flushed me down the toilet and I knew my wife was going to miss me. But that's life. Boy, was it rough for me, no coupons.

#64 I imagined being a rooster and I would crow in front of a house. One day I crowed so hard a man hit me with a shoe and I never crowed again.

#65 I was in the house and I thought I saw a witch. I said, "No, it can't be true." I cried and cried and I saw a knife and I killed it and the bones came out and her head was cut off and she still could talk and I ran up the stairs and a knife almost cut my head off and then the witch's head landed on me and I shook it off.

#66 I thought of being a basketball and they used me to play. I told them to give me a break and they gave me a break. They took all of my air out and did it hurt.

#67 I imagined being a chair and they sat on me real hard until one day they painted me and some one sat on me and boy did they have colored pants and shirt.

#70 The music made me feel like I was floating in the air.

#72 I remembered the time me and my little cousin went to the store and he wanted ice-cream. I told him no and he said it's with my money and that made me sad. I bought it for him and he said thank you.

#73 The music made me feel like if I was walking in space.

#74 I am thinking about becoming a snowman and the kids making a face in me and I come alive, me with a stick walking all around the street.

#75 I felt good.

#81 I thought of coloring Easter eggs and I turned into a rabbit.

#84 I became a bottle and everybody tried to break me, but it didn't work.

#85 I thought of being a rabbit and I hid all the Easter eggs and everybody found them.

#88 I thought of being feet and my owner walked too much.

#89 I thought of being a tiger and I did not have any stripes.

#94 I thought of getting left back. When I showed my mother the report card she said good. But when I got home it wasn't that good. I didn't sit for the whole summer.

#97 I was a King and I ruled four countries. My friends tried to take over, but I killed them. They were going to kill me, but I killed them first. I became famous and rich and people loved me.

#98 I thought I was paper and everybody used me.

#99 I remembered when we were outside. There were so many fights I was going crazy.

#102 I imagined being a house that bleeds and cries. One day the person who lived there punched me and I was bleeding and then he found out I was like a human.

#104 I thought of being a cloud and the sun wanting the whole place. We were going to have a war, but first we thought about it. He would get half and I would get half. Boy it was good because he tried me out and I gave him a bath.

#107 I thought that Mr. Pflaum was a mouse and I was a cat and I killed him. Wow! Too bad!

#109 I thought Mr. Pflaum was an old lady and I came to mug her. She had a bottle of beer and she hit me with it and I kicked her. This is fun.

#114 I though Mr. Pflaum was a drunk and he was always begging for money. Once when I passed he still remembered me. He said, "Remember, I was the one who got you through fifth grade so please give me money. I said, "O.K."

#116 I imagined being a window and the kids threw rocks at me. One day they put rubber windows on me and when the kids threw rocks, they would bounce back and hit them. Then they would stop.

#117 I thought that one day Alex called me "egghead" and I cracked myself on him. Then I said, "How do you like your eggs?" He said in ten minutes.

CHAPTER 2

#10 Sometimes I wish I could be Superboy or the smartest boy in the world. But I'm happy just the way I am with my mother, father, brothers and sisters.

#12 Sometimes when I get up in the morning I wish there was no such thing as school so children could play all the time and see t.v.

#13 I wish my grandparents were still alive in 1981. Only my grandmother's alive and my grandfathers are dead. My mother's parents are dead, but with one grandmother, I have enough grandparents to be filled with love.

#16 I remember when we went outside, they hit a girl in the face. We almost got into trouble, but the teacher knew we didn't mean it and didn't say anything to us or send us to the bench.

#17 Today I feel excited because my mother and father are coming from Springfield. I feel sad because my sister is going to Puerto Rico for a vacation. So I'm happy and sad at the same time.

#25 I would like to be rich sometimes or real smart or be the strongest person in the world. I would like to be lots of things. I can't even name them all. But even if rich or smart or strong, I still won't have as much love as I do now with my family.

#27 My mother's going to a special doctor for her nerves. She might have to go 2 or 3 times a week. This is her first week going to the doctor. My sister's sick too. It's her asthma. She might have to stay in the hospital. She's had asthma since she was 12.

#28 My father's coming here tomorrow so I'll be waiting for him after school. My father's real nice to me. We all love him. I wish he didn't have to live in Springfield. He might come and live in New York.

#29 Today my father's coming home. I've been so anxious that I've been dreaming about it sometimes. If he gets home real late and I'm sleeping, I'll see him on Saturday morning at 6:00 A.M. and stay all day together until Sunday when my father goes back to Springfield. I'm not sad because I know my father loves me and cares about me. I am happy because I know I have a family that cares about me alot and that will always love me and I'll love them forever.

#30 The sky is beautiful night or day. At night when the stars shine and the moon glows or in the day when the sun shines bright and the clouds float in the sky, the sky is always beautiful. Even when it rains or snows.

#31 My mother's been very sick this past month. She doesn't get out of the house and she's always nervous. She's almost never relaxed. I know what she needs the most-love and attention and consideration from us. My older brother is in college most of the time. I'm the only one home so I give the most consideration, love and attention. I'm happy staying with my mother. We have fun together, especially on weekends.

#34 I wish I could be Space Ghost or Spiderman, Thor, Hulk or even Iceman so all the kids would look up to me. But being myself I have more fun.

#35 Today we played with 5-2 and we won. But then we played 4-2 and we lost, but they cheated. 5-2 said we cheated, but I know we didn't. It was a close game. We had fun anyway. It's no good to be a sore loser.

#38 I am very happy. One of the reasons is because my aunt had a baby boy. He's 13 days old and my mother is feeling better.

#39 The song made me feel sad. I remembered when my grandfather died in Puerto Rico. I was very sad, but now I know that we all have to die sometime. Well, I guess that was his time.

#40 I remembered when I lived in Springfield. We had our own house and all my friends. But now I moved to New York and I'm happy.

#41 The first song made me remember when I came from Puerto Rico to Springfield. I didn't no anyone from the class. I felt sad, but then I made friends.

#44 I remembered when I was a little boy. I was in a lake in the park. There were ducks in the lake and I threw bread to them. They left so I followed them and fell in the lake. I was drowning. My mother was screaming. My brother jumped in and got me out. My father never found out that I fell in the lake.

#45 Yesterday night I went to my cousin's house. My uncle, sisters, and cousin went "paradiando" which means when people celebrate Christmas or other holidays they go out and play instruments real late at night. I got home at 6:00 A.M. It's lots of fun-we dance and sing all night.

#47 Today I found out that my mother has to go back to the hospital. She'll stay for 2 or 5 weeks. I'll miss her, but she'll be back in a few weeks and will be better.

#49 Yesterday I went to my aunt's house. I played with her two little daughters. My aunt has a little son. He's 6 weeks old and he's real cute.

#52 Today I went to Flushing. I went to A & S, The Gap and McCrory's and 4 food stores. My mother's going to the hospital.

#53 I'm going to miss my mother when she goes to the hospital. But I know she has to go to get better.

#55 Today I feel real sad because this is the day my mother goes to the hospital. But I know it's for her own good so she doesn't have to stay home everyday and night. I feel real unhappy when I go out and she's in her room. But now when she gets out of the hospital, it would be like that. She'll be out of bed and dressed and ready to go out.

#56 Today I might go to South 3rd to my cousin's house. I have lots of fun there. Maybe not today because I'm sad. I miss my mother, but she had to go.

#59 Today I'm a little scared because of my mother. I might go to the hospital. The doctor wants to have a conference with the family, but my mother doesn't want me to go because she'll start crying. She'll think I'll think she's not getting better. I'll find out if I'm going after school.

#60 Saturday and Sunday my mother came to visit me from the hospital. She went to the hospital because of depression. I used to think it was my fault.

#61 Today I went to music. After, I went to the G.O. I was made boss of the G.O. store. I am sad and happy. I'm sad because my mother might stay in the hospital 2 more months. I'm happy because she's getting better.

#63 I'm very happy my mother's coming from the hospital. She told me when she came home on Saturday and Sunday they let her come out of the hospital, but she still has to stay 1 or 2 more days in the hospital.

#64 I'm very happy because my mother came from the hospital. Yesterday was her birthday and I couldn't get her anything, but she was happy because she came home.

#65 I got a letter from my mother's doctor. She wants me to go to a child psychiatrist. I don't know why, but I think it's because she thinks that I don't know why she's sick.

#66 Yesterday there was a big argument at home. If things keep on going like this, my mother will have to go back to the hospital. I don't know what will happen. I know she'll be sad if she has to go back. So will I.

#67 Today in music we learned one song called "Why Do Fools Fall In Love?" I like the song alot and so do the other kids. We liked it so much we heard it 5 times. It's hard to believe it's around 20 years old.

#70 I can't wait till I'm 13 because when I'm 13 we're moving to P.R. My sister's going to open up a restaurant in P.R. We might go to San Juan to live. We're going to buy our own house just like we had in Springfield.

#73 Sometimes I don't know whether I'm in a dream or real life. Like I could be in bed sleeping right now or can be daydreaming about today.

#74 When I was looking at the window, I saw some kids in costumes. The snow is so beautiful so white sometimes. It falls lots at a time and then little by little. The bird fly around and everything looks pretty outside.

#75 Last night when I was supposed to be sleeping, my mother was talking with my brother. They were saying that my mother might have to go to the hospital again. She's not doing any better even though she goes to a doctor 5 times a week. Me, my brother and my 2 sisters have to go to a meeting today.

#78 I like Billy Joel's music. I have 3 of his albums: "The Stranger," "52nd Street" and "Glass House." It's nice quiet and I really get into the music. I can listen to the music for hours.

#91 Spring vacation wasn't that good. I'm sad and happy. Mostly sad. My aunt died because she had cancer. I'm happy because I saw my grandmother. She's 73 years old. She's really my aunt, but my mother got married two times first with her cousin and then with my father.

#94 Last night I went to church for the first time in years. It was very nice. From now on I think we're going every Sunday.

#95 April 30th is my birthday. I can't wait. Even if I'm not having a party. I'd rather have love than a party.

#97 Today I get the results of the x-rays. I wonder what's wrong in my stomach. I hope it's not bad.

#101 I had a dream that I was in my father's car with my family. We were going to his friend's house. I was the first one to get off there. They locked the door and left so I started walking around. Everything was deserted. I kept on walking. Then I saw a dead animal and people. After that I got up.

#104 I found out that if I don't take care of my self, I'll get an ulcer. They gave me medicine.

#105 I have to drink medicine 3 times a day for a long time until the iflamation in my stomach goes down. They don't know when I'll stop taking the medicine.

#107 Today I have to go to South 3rd Street because my mother's at the doctor. They take her blood every week and they give her an injection of vitamins, too.

#108 They're doing a root canal on my caps. I went yesterday but I was too nervous and scared so they're going to try again.

#112 I went to church Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I felt good real good. I was mad because on Saturday my cousins went and they were making fun of my religion.

#113 My mother said that I might go to P.R. for a month. She said that I was giving my bike to my cousin. Then I told her I might have plans, but she said she'd buy me one next summer so I changed my plans.

#114 Tomorrow I'm going to see my aunt. I love her alot. She almost never sees my mother and when she comes my mother doesn't feel good.

CHAPTER 3

#6 I was thinking that I was water. Everybody would drink me. I could stop fires and wash your hair. You can take a bath. I could be whatever you want me to be.

#14 I was thinking that I was God. People pray to me everyday. I could see myself but people can't see me. I can make it rain. I let the sun come out. I live in a sky house. I can hold the Earth in my hand.

#20 My body feels powerful and strong. My head is asleep. When I hear the music, my body feels like it is flying to the sun. The sun is very hot. And my head feels broken apart like I was in outer space.

#25 I was thinking about lunch. Arthur fell in the water. Fat fat fat Alex is laughing at Arthur. Arthur was mad. He could kill someone. "Good he doesn't kill me," Alex said. "Arthur fell! Arthur fell!" said Manny Jimenez. "Arthur, Arthur, what happened?" I said. "I fell and Manny thinks it's funny," said Arthur. That's the way it goes....

#32 I was thinking that Arthur and Miguel are going to fight. Arthur could break Miguel's glasses. Miguel could hit Arthur in the face. If Arthur got mad, he could kill Miguel. If they fight somebody might get cut up. That's the way it goes...

#33 I was thinking that I was a U.F.O. flying in New York. I killed everything. When I came out of my ship, everybody tried to kill me, but I destroyed the Earth into pieces.

#35 I don't want to do Contemplation. I want to play 7-Up. Oh boy! Oh boy! Oh boy! I got to do contemplation. Put your head on the desk! Oh boy! Oh boy! Oh boy! I want to play 7-Up!!

#36 When I was little, my mother bought me a bed. It was bad, I mean good. When I say bad I mean good. She said I could sleep in it. I said, "That's bad." I told her that bad means good or very good. She told me it's my bed and I could sleep in it. She said to me that it's old and when it gets to be very old, she will buy me a new bed.

#39 I imagined that I was lost. I came to an island where beautiful women lived. There were 10,000 women. They gave me food to eat and some things to sleep in. They built a house and made me the King of the island.

#41 I was thinking about the nighttime when my father came home. I go to sleep before he comes home-at 10 o'clock. I cannot see him because he goes to bed at 2:00 in the morning. I wake up at 7:00 and go to school.

#44 I imagined that I was in the island and I saw a monkey. I gave him food. The little monkey grew bigger and bigger and bigger and threw the island into the ocean. Nobody could kill him. He destroys everything. When he came to New York, I gave him a little banana. He became smaller, smaller, smaller. We returned him to the island and he was no longer a big ape.

#45 I imagined I had a boat. I went in the ocean with my ship. I had many supplies aboard, but I forgot my map! I was lost! Help! I found myself on an island with lots and lots of beautiful girls. The island was pretty, too. I looked for my food. I couldn't find it! "Maybe the waves took the food. Any maybe the waves can give me food and make me a pretty house. I would stay for 100 or 1000 years in my dream."

#46 I imagined I could beat somebody up in a fight. I thought I was big. When the sun came up, I looked big. When I looked at myself, I was not big. I was little...

#47 I was thinking that I was a light bulb and they put me in a cage. I was sad. I was mad, too, and unhappy. They whipped me and I was hurt. When I saw another light, a girl light, and she liked me, I was happy and in love.

#49 12 o'clock midnight...I was a game and they played me everyday. I hit a home run but I was out and it was fun. They hit me hit me...

#50 I was thinking that I was flying in the sky and I eating clouds and playing, too.

#51 I was watching t.v. at 12 midnight. When I was sleeping, I dreamed about flying like a bird. It was funny to fly like a bird. It feels dizzy...

#52 It was funny thinking today. I imagined that my brother got sick and I had to stay home with him. It was sad, but it's all in your mind...

#54 I was thinking I was a father. I was happy. It was funny. I was a good father...

#55 I thought I was a big giant. I lived in a big castle. I ate everything. I could eat birds and kill people to the end.

#56 I imagined I could fly. I want to fly like a bird. "You can fly like a bird," someone said. "Come on me and fly on my back. I can find gold," the voice said. "Let's go up there and fly," I said. "Even if I die," I said. "I want to fly. I could fly away."

#57 I was thinking I had a boat. I found a map and I went where the map showed the gold. I went to the island. I saw the cross "x" and started to dig and dig and dig to find the gold. I am rich rich 1,000,000 dollars of gold.

#58 I imagined myself in a world in the year 1781. A time machine took me there. It's funny, I went to a sky city. It's bad very bad. I mean good. You know, it's funny, I put down 1982 and I came back to Earth.

#60 I thought I saw things that are not there. I saw a plane crash into the house, but it didn't happen. I went to the doctor and he said I was o.k. I was just seeing things. He gave me something to drink and I felt o.k. I was happy that came to my mind.

#63 I was thinking a plane crashed on top of the biggest skyscraper in the world. Everybody started fighting and throwing things. I was the judge. I said, "Stop!" and they stopped. "O.k., let's go home," they said. Everybody went home.

#69 I was thinking about my brother. He is in the hospital because the doctor has got to operate on his ear. He can only hear a little. My mother went to see him and he feels good now.

#72 I was thinking about summer. All the children are outside having fun playing jumping running playing basketball and baseball. When it rains, everybody is sad and mad can't play. That's the way it goes.

#74 I was thinking that I was the sun and I fell down and melted. I was sad and I died. The end of the sun...

#75 I was thinking about playing with my game. It was fun. I'm so happy I could cry. I played with my sister and brother. I won the game. I was happy happy.

#79 I imagined being a bug looking for food. I didn't find any food and I died. I became an angel bug. While I was flying I found lots of food. I was happy. The end.

#86 I thought I was a man and a dog. I would be unhappy and sad. I was very sad and mad.

#87 I was looking in the sky. It's fun to look in the sky. So beautiful I wish I was flying in the sky. I felt happy.

#88 I imagined being Superpen and people would write with me everyday and bug me for homework and #%¢**!!!++===!!!

#89 I was thinking I was a ball and everyone played with me. I could go outside all the time and be happy.

#90 I felt that my brother was sick and unhappy. I was sad, but he wasn't sick and I became happy. It was a dream in my mind.

#91 I was thinking about a friend. He was my best friend, but he moved somewhere and I don't know the name of the place. Icannot see my best friend anymore.

#92 I was flying in the sky like a bird. I was happy having fun and flying high. When the record stopped, I was not a bird, I was a big boy in Class 5-1. I was sad.

#93 I was a bug flying and eating from flowers. I went to a man's house and ate some food and the man got mad and killed me. The end of me.

#94 I was a flower, a beautiful one. People picked me up and put me back in the ground and watered me and looked at me. When the record went off, I was not a flower anymore.

#95 I was a cat and I was thirsty. I wanted milk and a person gave me some and a place to live. I felt happy, but it's only a dream.

#98 I imagined being a math book. People would look at me and study me and put math problems on paper. But I'm not a math book, I am a human being.

#100 I was thinking that I am the strongest man in the world. I could beat the world in half. Then I thought that I am not the strongest man in the world...

#101 I thought I was a monster living in the sea. People swim in the sea and I eat them. In the water I kill fish eat people. Once the people came and killed me. I was dead. But I'm still angry and I will kill the fish...

#102 I was a fly drinking water and flying around the room. People would kill me, but I'm not a fly, I'm a human being and I will stay a human being.

#105 I imagined I was a deer running and eating. I like to run. People would hunt me and kill me. I'm not a deer a human being ok ok ok...I'm not a deer. People would not hunt me, but that's how it goes...

#106 I am a pen. People would write with me and keep me. But I am not a pen you hear? I am not a pen. I am a human being not a pen, but I wish I was a pen, but I am not a pen...

#114 I was thinking I was a little boy with my mother. She makes me clean up and I felt sad. My mother put me to sleep. But I was not a little boy, I am a big boy and that's what I was thinking.

#115 I saw myself in the sky seeing the world...See Arthur pass the line in dodgeball and he did. I got mad. I would destroy Arthur into a cake, but I was in the sky and I am not a God. Lucky Arthur. I am not a God. Lucky Arthur...

#117 I was Super Sky turning the sky blue black almost every color. But I am not in the sky, I am a human being. But I wish I could be the sky. If I was the sky I could look at the rest of the world...

CHAPTER 4

#1 I felt that in my head I saw an animal running inside of me. I saw the word "cat." I felt good, too. I saw the numbers from 50 to 1 moving backwards. It looked like a movie going on and I screamed.

#2 I saw numbers in my head and I felt a good thing inside. I dreamed about s very, very good thing and I saw a rabbit hopping.

#5 At lunchtime I had a headache because it was noisy and they were throwing food all around the cafeteria and now I can't think well.

#6 This is a very good thing. It is very good. I was very sad while the record was on. I remembered my grandfather when he died.

#8 I felt like I was on a trip in heaven. The song was sad and it reminded me of my great great grandmother and grandfather who died.

#9 I felt like something was going to happen in the school. I was scared to death. I thought of this while I was going to school this morning. That's why I wrote this.

#10 I thought I was in the sky and I was walking on the clouds. I saw that God was a beautiful man. I love God because I am from God and he watches me when I am coming to school.

#11 I thought that I was in bed and I dreamed a man caught me when I was going to my house and my mother was crying because it was late and I didn't come yet.

#12 I saw a huge bird in the sky flying very high. It was an airplane in the sky and I thought that it was going to catch me.

#18 I felt sad inside because I miss my grandfather.

#20 I saw a cat on the way to school and it was very little. I was going to take it, but it ran in the street and almost got hit by a car. I got scared...

#21 I felt like an angel in the sky. I saw a person hitting people and I said to him: "Do you want to fight or talk?" He said, "To fight," and then I fought with him and beat him. He was scared to death and I said, "You better stop fighting or I will get you again!"

#22 I thought that I was an airplane flying very high in the sky. I saw everyone from the class. They were like little ants, but then the clouds got in my way and I got mad, but very, very mad and I left. I was happy that I was an airplane.

#25 I thought Mr. Pflaum was walking behind me with a stick. He fell into a pond and I started laughing. He got very angry with me. I went to my house and Mr. Pflaum followed me. He was very close and I made him fall and he got hurt. I called the doctor and he told me that Mr. Pflaum was really hurt...

#26 I saw a bird flying in the sky and through the clouds. You know that it was me flying and then an airplane was coming at me. "Oh it is coming at me! I better go fast! It will hit me! I am going to tell my parents!"

#27 This afternoon I was playing jump rope and I always made out. I said to myself, "I am a loser." I tried and I tried but I always lose...

#29 I thought I was a butterfly and a man was going to catch me. I was fast so he couldn't get me. After a while, I hid in the flowers.

#30 I saw a rainbow and it made me think of my grandfather with all its colors: blue, red, yellow and orange. He died a long time ago-when I was 7 years old. It makes me feel like crying right now. When I go to sleep I dream about him and then I tell it all to my mother. My grandfather is my mother's father and then she began to cry.

#31 I was thinking about my grandfather. He died when I was 7 years old. He is my mother's father and it makes me feel like crying right now. Sorry I keep writing this.

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#32 I was thinking about my grandfather who died in 1977. He died when I was 7. I was in P.R. I was crying every day and my mother, too. My grandfather is my mother's father. I am going to cry, Sorry I had to write this again.

#35 I imagined a big rainbow in the sky and I saw a big bird flying through the rainbow.

#36 I thought about a boy running after a girl. He fell and she was so scared and her father came out and ran after the boy and hit him.

#40 I saw a big black thing in front of me. It was a black cat. It was dark and scary. I saw that the cat had babies.

#43 Today is my birthday and I am thinking: "What are they going to give me?" I am so happy and scared. My age is 10 years old. I was going to tell the teacher, but I am so scared.

#46 I saw a dog inside my head and it was running after me and I was hitting him in the mouth.

#48 I was thinking about a beautiful rainbow that was so big and shiny.

#50 I thought about New Year's Day. I was so scared that my hands were shaking. I was thinking that I was scared to death.

#57 Today I saw a beautiful sun coming behind a hill. It was so beautiful and nice that I don't know what to write.

#61 Today they gave eggs for lunch that looked like flying saucers. I got a stomach ache.

#65 I thought I was the sun shinning the whole city and floating in the air like a cloud. I saw the whole class and all the teachers. I was so happy I could cry.

#66 Today while I was doing my work, my mother came to see the teacher. I was so scared because everyone was looking at me telling me to tell them why my mother came up.

#68 Today I was sick because there was so much noise. I got a big headache and a stomach ache, too.

#70 When Mr. Pflaum put the first record on, I imagined I was dancing like an animal. I saw myself as a rainbow so big that I was scary. I was so, so high that I looked like the Twin Towers.

#73 I saw a big star at the window and it was the sun that was shinning and I thought it was nighttime.

#80 I thought I was a flame in the air and then like a witch flying down the sky to kill people.

#83 I imagined being a little baby and I was so mad I could cry.

#84 I thought I was a little mouse eating cheese and breaking things all over the place.

#85 I thought I was a little ant eating things up and digging holes in the ground.

#87 I thought I was dead on my bed and all the people were gathered around me.

#96 I thought I was a flower in the grass and everyone tried to get me but I was slick.

#97 I was thinking about lunchtime. There was a fight and everybody was crazy jumping on the tables in the cafeteria.

#100 I thought I was a baby with a finger in my mouth and I bit my finger.

#101 I thought I was a baby with lots of toys and I was so, so fat that I broke my bed.

#102 I felt like dancing and jumping all around the room like an animal.

#105 I imagined that I was a big bird and Mr. Pflaum was an eagle. He tried to eat me but I was too slick.

#109 I was thinking I fell in love with a beautiful young man but he fell in love with another woman. I started to cry.

#110 I imagined I was a baby playing and I did you know what in my pampers...

#114 I thought I had a huge dog and I was in love with the dog and the dog almost ate me when he kissed me. Help!

CHAPTER 5

#1 I pictured in my mind that I wasn't going to have a birthday party or get any presents.

#2 On Sunday my friends and I played football. I won two games and the other guys were cheating us.

#4 Three days ago I was outside and two of my friends had a fight. One of them pulled the other's hair and Manny J. was jumping all around.

#6 Two girls came looking for one of my friends. When he found out he started to run and I started to laugh.

#7 On Sunday I played football with my friends. We played rough tackle.

#8 I was thinking I was home dancing to one of my best records. While I danced my brother rolled a skate and as I picked my leg up and put it down on the skate I fell.

#9 I thought I was walking down the street and some people were making cement. I tripped over a rock and fell in the cement. My brother laughed at me and I threw cement at him.

#10 When I played poison ball, a big boy threw the ball and I caught it and said "ouch!"

#11 I was thinking about a big red horse that had a person on it who was bleeding from his head. The rider fell over a rock and had a hole in his head and the horse was also bleeding because they cut his tail off.

#12 I was thinking about a very big horse whose color was green and red. It had a green and red man stuck to it.

#13 I thought that I was in a room for 5 minutes with a bad boy that I know. I messed him up and gave him a black eye. He is in the sixth grade and is 15 years old. He got left back 3 or 4 times.

#15 At lunchtime, when we were outside, I was playing with 5-E. I got 2 kids out 2 times and we still lost.

#18 I thought I was a very old man sitting alone at a lunch counter.

#19 At lunchtime we played dodgeball. The ball I threw was dirty and I hit a boy in the face. His face was very from my shot and he ran away to clean it off.

#25 When I was coming out of my house this morning, I remembered that we were going to have an assembly. "I have assembly mom," I yelled. "I am going to hit you right in the kisser," she shouted.

#26 I was thinking about free time. Angel and I had a contest with a puzzle and I won 9 to 5.

#28 I thought about yesterday when I was playing football. My friend threw a big long pass and hit his man. He caught the ball with one hand and they kept hitting him but he got out of it and scored a touchdown and we won 10 to 7.

#29 At lunchtime we were playing dodgeball and everybody I saw in the way I hit and everybody that hit me I would go and try to hit them.

#31 I thought about my brother's party. I picked a balloon that had a little paper inside. The paper said "to drink a beer and I did it. My friend had to do what my brother said. He had to punch my father 38 times. My father said that he is going to get him.

#32 When we were playing dodgeball at lunch, a boy from 5-E who throws real hard, tried to hit me. I caught the ball after it hit my chest.

#33 On Saturday my brother had a fight outside. The boy hit my brother in the face and my brother got mad and jumped him and punched him. The boy ran away but my brother ran and caught him. My brother swung and hit him and the boy started crying.

#34 While I was going to the store for my aunt, I saw a guy call another guy and I said in my mind that they were going to fight.

#40 I was playing dodgeball and a boy started walking across the court. Another boy threw a ball and hit the boy that was walking by in the arm. He jumped up and ran for the ball, but the boy on my team got to the ball first and I started laughing.

#43 I was thinking about yesterday. I went to pick my mother up at the hospital. I was getting into the car. My brother was closing the door of the car slowly. He caught my right foot in the door and I screamed his name. He said, "What?" I said, "My foot!" I started to cry. I thought that he broke my leg for the third time. The first and second times I broke my leg playing.

#45 I was thinking about Friday. There is a show on at 12 midnight. It is called "Fridays." The show is funny. I remember a man saying, "No no no no nono," and I started to laugh.

#48 I was thinking about yesterday and what I got for Christmas from my Grandmother. I got a football game, Rally, Maniac and a Star Wars gun.

#50 I was thinking about last night. I had a dream that I was in school and Arthur started with Manny J. Then Arthur started with me and at lunchtime I beat him up.

#51 I was thinking about Christmas eve. My uncle gave me a Steeler's sweatshirt.

#55 We were playing football and the football popped. We said it's having a baby and I started to laugh.

#56 I was thinking that I was in outer space and the rocket got lost and I couldn't find my way back to Earth.

#59 I thought I was home and I went to sleep. I woke up and I remembered a dream that I got lost in a store. I went to my father's car because I know where it was. When my parent's came to the car, I was there and they were happy.

#60 I imagined that I was an apple and I went to bed and fell asleep and died.

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#68 I was thinking about my cat. It was white with pink eyes and its name was Snow. When I heard that it ran away, I was very sad.

#71 I imagined that I was a cat and my name was Snow. I was all white with blue eyes like the sea and sky.

#73 I felt relaxed and comfortable in my bed. Nobody's in my house. Me by myself no noise and resting.

#74 I was thinking I was a snowman and I was being made and one day I turned alive and I was always happy.

#75 I was thinking that I was as small as a three year old child sleeping in my bed resting in a different world in my mind.

#77 I had alot of thoughts in my mind. I liked one of them. I was sitting on my couch eating a big pizza and watching t.v.

#78 I thought I was lost on an island and I saw a red light going around the island. I thought it was an airplane and I felt so happy.

#79 I thought I lived in the country no noise no cars peace.

#91 I was thinking that I was praying to God and he said, "When you are 20 years old you might be a karate teacher and a master, too.

#92 I thought about last night. I woke up 4 times because I had 4 bad dreams. I would like to remember what they were to get them off my mind.

#96 I imagined that I was home sleeping for 3 days and when I woke up, I would eat for 3 days.

#99 While I was sleeping, I had a dream. And when I woke up, I said, "Man, who are you talking to?" And it was in my dream.

#100 I thought I was home asleep in the couch and comfortable.

#106 I was thinking I was home listening to all the records I have and singing along with them.

#107 I was thinking I was home eating and eating. When I finished, I felt like a car full of gas!

#114 I imagined being home asleep with peace everywhere.

CHAPTER 6

#1 While I was counting, I thought I was in a place like the moon. It was so dark I thought I got lost.

#7 I saw that I was singing the song and it was nice. I still wanted to sing more when it was over.

#12 I saw that I was in a beautiful park with flowers and rabbits. I was dancing all over the park and I was so happy I thought I was singing.

#17 I imagined that I was walking but I was nothing floating like a cloud. I was an angel and when I opened my eyes I saw that I was floating again.

#20 I saw myself outside playing. A girl came by and said to get out of her way. I told her to get out of my way and then I hit her and she went away crying.

#21 I was playing with Diana and Evette and two boys came running. One boy ran by and pushed me and I got mad and pushed him back.

#22 I imagined that I found a kitten. I played with the kitten for a while and then she got lost. I started to cry.

#24 I imagined being a pretty bird and I was flying all over the sky. When I landed in the grass I saw a man with a net who tried to catch me but couldn't.

#27 After we finished playing jump rope, we walked upstairs to the class and somebody spit on me.

#30 I saw that a flower was falling from the sky. It was beautiful in its colors of red, yellow, white, green and blue. The flowers fell all around me and I was throwing them back up in the air and everything smelled beautiful.

#32 I saw a spider an ugly spider when I looked in the mirror. It was me. I got shocked. I was hairy long legs big eyes and black.

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#34 I saw that I was a rabbit and I hopped everywhere. When I saw a lion and the lion saw me, it ran to catch me and it did. I remember that I had a knife and I cut his body and I came out.

#39 I thought I was a mouse. I went to my hole and I took some cheese and ate it. Later, I went outside and I saw the cat and it chased me and then ate me.

#40 I saw that I was the sun and I gave heat and energy to everyone. They all like me because I was so hot.

#41 I remembered when Evette came to my house and we went by a mud puddle. I slipped like a skater falling and Evette was going to laugh but then she fell.

#44 I saw Evette with her boyfriend. They were up in a tree. I came up and saw them. I stayed hidden to see what they were doing up in the tree.

#46 I imagined my father catching a butterfly. It was pretty with its black and white all over.

#48 I was sleeping. I woke up and saw nothing. It was all black. It was scary.

#50 I saw a lion running after me. I ran up a tree and the lion followed me up. I didn't know that I could fly but I did and the lion got crazy.

#52 I saw a cat having babies and I took some.

#59 I went to the store with Evette and Diana. I bought a doll there. While we were playing with the doll, it fell and I told Evette to pick it up and she yelled "no. I asked Diana but Evette told her "no," too. Well, I am not their friend.

#62 It was night a cat howled an owl howled too footsteps loud making noises ghosts howl too.

#67 I saw that we were outside playing with the snow. I fell and then got up and started making a flower with the snow...

#68 I imagined that I was dancing everywhere. I was popping out of my shoes. I couldn't stop dancing. Wow it was a great feeling!

#73 I was thinking about the movie they gave yesterday. It was about an alligator. It was gigantic and I did not like it when the alligator ate a man. I could not sleep because everywhere I looked the alligator appeared. I went to sleep with my mother.

#74 I was thinking while I looked out the window that the snow was coming into the class. I thought it would come on my head. I can't wait to get out in the snow.

#75 I thought about my friend who belongs here but is in another school. She is my best friend. I wish I could see her.

#78 I was thinking about the school pictures. I wanted all the pictures. When I get home I'm going to scream at my mother because I want all of them not only the class picture.

#79 I was thinking that Evette is tough outside but inside she is shy. She likes to make fun of everybody.

#83 I imagined becoming a dollar bill and I jumped all around and I fell and ripped myself apart.

#85 I felt that I was asleep and then I woke up and I thought I was on the moon.

#86 I took a haircut today and I looked like a broom when they were finished with me.

#89 I wish I had a sister because I don't haveone.

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#90 I don't like apples because they might have worms inside.

#91 I was thinking about the party Mr. Pflaum talked about. I got sad when he was absent on the day of the party.

#92 I thought about my boyfriend because I didn't stick with him. He had another girl.

#95 I saw me and my mother dancing in the house.

#104 I imagined that Evette was a parakeet. Every I tell a lie, she says that it's true.

#105 I was looking at a girl who is 8 years old. I pick her up on the way to school. Sometimes I go to her house. I have fun there and I wish I could go today. If she goes to the park, I'm going with her.

#109 I thought I was on a rock, but it wasn't a rock, it was a turtle. I got scared and my hair stood up like a broom.

#110 I imagined playing Double Dutch. I jumped like a monkey. You should see me with my hair flying away.

#112 I was thinking that I saw a rabbit, but it was backwards. Its tail was on the nose and the nose was on the tail.

#113 I was dreaming that a dog was running after me, but it was me running after the dog.

#115 I thought that I was walking and I got scared because someone was following me. But I forgot that it was my shadow.

#116 I thought I was going to school, but it was the bathroom.

CHAPTER 7

#1 I thought that when I was counting I felt as if I were a cat because in my mind a cat's sound came. I was fighting with another cat and I got scared and I also got messed up counting the numbers.

#2 I thought I was a tree. When anybody passes by me, I will hit the person with a branch and the person wouldn't know it was me. That is what I pictured in my mind.

#3 I thought there were 2 boys coming towards me and then they threw 5 pies in my face. When I got home I had to take a bath and wash my face and hair.

#5 I thought I was in school and the school was burning and they did not ring the bells. Mr. Pflaum smelled some fire and he started to scream and we got out of the fire and we never came back to school.

#6 I thought that a boy told me to dance with him and I danced with him. He held me so tight and when the record stopped, we sat down.

#7 I thought that my mother had hit me. I ran away and she found me. When I was big, I was scared and nervous and my mother never hit me again. I got married and had a baby girl and then we moved away. When I finished, I was very nervous.

#9 I thought that I had a fight with somebody and they hit me with a bottle and I got scared. They hit me in the stomach and in my head and I dropped dead. My mother called the police and they took the person to jail.

#10 I thought I was an egg and my mother used to carry me all the time and suddenly I hatched from the egg and I got fried up and my mother started to cry.

#12 I thought I was a model and I danced with everyone and they loved me, too. They asked me for my autograph and all the people in the world kissed me and hugged me.

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#13 I thought that I was a bird flying in the air. Once, when I was ababy, I fell from the sky and hit my head. I tried it again and this time I fell and broke my leg. Now I can't fly at all. But I tried it again and that was the end of me.

#14 I thought I was a teacher and every time someone would talk, I would hit them with the ruler and they used to cry and tell their mother. Their mother wouldn't say anything.

#15 I thought that I was the President. I was making a speech and when I had finished, everybody loved me. I was very nervous and scared. At the end, everyone left and someone took me home.

#17 I remember this morning. I fell out of my bed and my mother and father and brother started to laugh at me and I got mad at them.

#18 I remember this moring when my brother broke something and my mother hit him. I started to laugh at my brother and he hit me and I started to cry and I told my mother.

#19 I remember this morning I fell from my bed and hit my head. My brother started to laugh and I smacked him and he told my mother and my mother smacked me and I really started to cry.

#20 In the lunchroom this morning I was going to take breakfast and the lady said, "No more breakfast," and a boy came and she gave him breakfast and I got mad at her.

#21 At gym we were playing Class 6-1 and they cheated. They passed the line and then we lost and the teacher said that they won and that's a lie.

#22 I thought that I was a monkey climbing up the trees and playing around with the people and animals. I loved bananas. Whatever they gave me, I ate up.

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#23 I thought that I was a table. Every time they would write on me I would move. When the whole class left the room, I would drop their books on the floor and make a mess. When the teacher came back and sat by me, I would fall on the floor.

#24 Yesterday was my birthday and when I came home from school, my brother gave me punches and by mistake I punched him and he kicked me and then I kicked him back.

#25 I thought I was a lion and every time somebody passed through the jungle, I would growl at them and they would be scared. Once a little kid came by and I scratched his face and he got very scared and he started to cry.

#26 I thought I was a clown and I used to love children and they loved me. But one of them I really liked and she died. Her parents were crying and then I started to cry. I felt sorry.

#27 I thought I was a pair of rollerskates and every time someone tried me on, I used to make them fall. They would say, "You ugly cheap skates, I am going to put you back where you belong, you cheap skates!"

#28 I thought that Michelle was my mother and that she hit me alot. Once she hit me hard and I got mad and hit her back. I told my father and father didn't do anything and I got mad.

#29 I thought I was a door and everyone always pushed me and I used to get hit in my head. I got very mad. Once someone was mad and they threw me back on purpose and I kicked that person good.

#30 I was thinking about a doll. The doll makes me feel as if it is a person and it looks like a baby and it makes me think it is a pupil.

#32 I thought that I was a pencil. I loved to be written with. It would feel good but it wastes my skin and then I don't have a body or hands or anything.

#34 I thought that I was a rat and once there was a lady passing by me and I made a noise and she got scared and screamed and she tried to kill me.

#35 I thought about telling the teacher that I don't want to do contemplation. He said that we have to do contemplation. Well, I could have stopped him, but I stood shut and put my head down.

#36 I thought that was grass full of dirt. I loved when it was summer because I used to be stepped on. When it would snow, I would go to sleep and never wake up until summer came and I would feel alive.

#37 I thought that I was a baby and I used to cry alot. I screamed and yelled too because I wanted food. I loved food. If I couldn't eat food, I would scream and yell.

#38 I felt that I was a monster grabbing everybody. Someone bit me once and I threw them on the floor and kicked them.

#39 I felt in my mind that I have birds in it and I would get dizzy when they would go around. They used to frighten me and make me cry.

#40 I thought I was a singer and everyone would say I know how to sing. Everyone loved me and they asked me for my autograph.

#41 I thought that I went out dancing with a long dress and I fell in a puddle and everyone started to laugh. I felt scared and frightened and nervous.

#42 I thought that there would never again be light and food in the world. When I thought of that I got nervous and scared.

#43 I felt as if I were a ring. I loved when people would put me on their fingers. Once someone did not like me and they threw me to the floor. I broke and the person who had me started to cry.

#44 I thought that the world had ended and there was nobody alive, only me. I felt that I had no friends and nobody liked me. In my mind, I felt scared and frightened because I thought it really happened.

#55 I thought that today there was no school. I was going to sleep but then my mother woke me up and I got mad. "I can't do nothing so let me shut up!" I said.

#57 I thought that someone was going to grab me and kill me because they hated me. After they killed me, they took me to the funeral.

#60 I thought that I was a T-shirt. I used to be washed and dried and they would say I am beautiful. The person that had me on liked me alot.

#61 I thought that I was a horse. I had long legs and I got very scared because once I fell and broke my leg and I couldn't walk. I was sad.

#62 I thought that I was in a haunted house and someone wanted to kill me. But it was just a puppet playing around.

#65 I thought that I was a chair laying down on the floor. Everyone said that I am a very nice chair.

#66 I thought that I was a glove walking all around and dancing all around.

#67 I thought that I was a tiger and I was in a cage and when someone wanted to give me food, I used to bite their hand.

#69 I thought that I was dead because I had closed my eyes and did not wake up again.

#72 I thought that I was an alligator eating people. But one day I saw a fat man and I ate him up and all I did all week was throw up all his meat.

#76 I thought that I was in a place that I never saw before in my life. I liked it so much that I started to live around there.

#80 I thought that I was a letter and that every time they would say the alphabet I would jump up and say "happy."

#81 I thought that I was a kangaroo hopping all around the world going places that I don't know.

#82 I thought that I was a giant monster, but a nice one. I used to hug people and kiss them and they would do anything.

#83 I thought I was a notebook and every time they would open me up, I would fly away and never come back.

#84 I thought that there was no one in the world but me and my pet dog. We went all around the world by ourselves.

#85 I thought that there were three boys in front of the building I was passing and they took me and hit me with a pie in my face.

#86 I thought I was a pair of glasses and every time they would put me on, I would squeak.

#87 I thought that I was a shoe and I always used to fall and scrape my head.

#88 I thought that I was a nun and I would give Confirmation and Communion classes in church.

#89 I thought I was a fan floating in the air and blowing my lungs out.

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#90 I thought I was an orange. Every time I would be squeezed I would spit in their face and they would have to take a bath.

#91 I thought that I was the person who invented the light bulb and I was very famous.

#92 I thought I was a little girl and everyday I would go to the park and play dodgeball with alot of girls and boys. And the team I was on always won.

#93 I thought that I was Wonder Woman jumping from high buildings to little buildings and helping good people not bad.

#96 I thought that I was born in Jamaica and everyone over there loved me and always said that I was pretty.

#99 I thought about being a teacher. The feeling I had was scared and embarrassed.

#100 I thought that I was 100 years old and every time I used to get up from my bed, I would feel like a 10 year old.

#102 I thought I was going to get married and the feeling I had when I was getting married was a scared and frightened one.

#103 I thought about having long hair and being the prettiest girl around and I always used to go out and have fun with my friends.

#104 I thought I was a good dancer and a good actress. I thought everyone loved me.

#105 I thought I was a pen writing all around the school around the cars and around the papers.

#106 I thought I was a giant bear hitting everybody on their head.

#107 I thought I was going to heaven to stay with my uncle who died and keep him company.

#108 I thought about having a nice party in my house. I invited all my friends and then they came and we all had fun.

#110 I thought about going to P.R. and live there forever and keep away from N.Y.

#111 I thought about having parrots live in my house because when I'm be myself, all I have to do is talk to them and I won't feel lonely.

#112 I thought I was a watch and every time someone would change the time, I would make a weird noise.

#113 I thought that I was a good lion and everybody liked me.

#114 I thought I was an eagle flying all around the sky and seeing all the airplanes flying all around.

#115 I thought that I was a peanut and I would always be jumping all around.

#116 I thought that I was graduating and that I was invited to the prom and someone threw cake right in my face.

#117 I thought I was a pencil writing in people's faces.

CHAPTER 3

#1 I was thinking that my mother and father died. I felt sad and worried. My brother was home and crying. We both felt so sad. My grandmother took care of me and my brother, but every night I think about them...

#3 I imagined my brother falling and hurting himself. He broke his leg and I felt sad.

#5 For the first time in my life I got a spanking because I told a lie. I felt mad and like hitting my mother and father, but I cannot do it.

#9 I pictured alot of balloons with different colors: red, pink, blue and silver. Everything was beautiful.

#10 The music made me think about my birthday party. I got alot of money and I saw green things flying around.

#11 I was thinking that I could fly and when it's nighttime, I could sleep in a cloud.

#12 I felt like a cloud in the sky. I lived in a cloud house. Now if only my family could too...

#14 I thought I was a bird flying. The sky was blue and beautiful and the clouds were furry and fluffy.

#16 I saw my brother break my mother's lamp. He was running around the room and the lamp fell and I was the one who got hit because my brother said it was me.

#17 The music made me feel happy and nice inside.

#18 I thought about last night. There was a fire in the building and a little baby died and the big son, too. I felt sad.

#19 I felt like I was in the sky and the clouds were moving. In the night I could go to sleep in a cloud that looks like a bed.

#22 I was thinking about my brother. When he goes to the third grade, I go to the sixth grade. We are getting older and older.

#23 We went to music class and the teacher said he was going to put a mark on my report card and a bad mark.

#24 I like the music. It was nice and slow and made me feel sleepy and comfortable.

#30 I was thinking about a rainbow and the beautiful colors it has like red, blue, green and yellow. It makes you feel happy inside.

#32 The thing that is beautiful to me is God. He helps you and takes care of you and he loves you.

#33 God is beautiful because he loves you very much and you love him.

#36 I thought about something beautful like a baby kitten. It's cuddley and if you are alone, you have somesome to help you feel good.

#39 I thought about the song's words. They were nice and sweet and my feelings were happy and sad.

#41 Love is beautiful because people love you alot and God loves you, too.

#42 I was thinking about snow. Snow is beautiful because it comes down so nice and slow...

#43 God is beautiful because he takes care of you and he loves you. If you love him, he will love you.

#55 I was thinking about something beautiful like love. Love is beautiful because everybody loves each other in a different way.

#57 I saw myself in a garden having a good time picking the flowers.

#59 I was thinking about a park and children playing in it and grown-ups looking after them and caring for them.

#60 I had a dream that I got lost in the woods and someone was following me and tried to kill me and he did. The End.

#62 I imagined being on a boat and a fog came and then a storm. It was dark and the waves were going up and down and around and everyone jumped out of the boat.

#63 I was thinking about my grandmother when she died. Me and brother were crying, but we couldn't do anything but pray for her.

#68 I wrote 2 poems. One is called God and the other Bedtime. I like it and I hope you like it, too.

#71 The thing I like about contemplation is that you can rest.

#78 The songs were nice and slow and you can contemplate with them.

#80 I imagined that I could walk on the rainbow and find gold.

#81 I thought I could fly. I would be happy.

#83 I wish I could go to sleep forever.

#84 I wish God could be alive today.

#86 I wish I could fly to the moon.

#90 I thought I could fly the biggest kite in the world.

#91 I wish I could fly to the moon and live there and play. My house would be pretty with flowers around it and we would have a school that floats like our house.

#92 I thought I could float on air. I can see the moon and Earth. I think that would be fun.

#110 I wish my grandmother can be alive so I could have fun with her.

#111 I wish it would be summer so the birds could sing with life and everyone would be happy.

CHAPTER 9

#1 I was thinking about something personal. Icannot say, but while I was counting from 50 to 0, I remembered the time I was 1 year old. I fell off the bed when I was with my father.

#2 When I was outside with Angie and Jessica in the yard, I thought about all the fights I have with my sister Millie in my house.

#3 I thought about yesterday when I went to the dentist with my sister and my mother. I remembered Sunday at 7:00 P.M. when I was watching a child abuse story.

#4 When I was in kindergarten and living in Puerto Rico, I remember the Christmas in our house. I was happy back then.

#5 I remembered once when I was 5 years old and my sister was 9 years old. My mother went outside with me and my sister and my sister almost buried me in the snow.

#6 I was thinking when I was going to be 6 years old. They celebrated my birthday in my grandmother's house with my whole family.

#7 I was thinking about when I was in P.R. this summer and all the times I went to the beach and pools and picnics with my family.

#8 I remembered when I was in kidergarten and every time Christmas came, the teacher's gave me presents.

#9 I thought about being in the auditorium with Brenda and Vicky. I had alot of fun.

#12 I thought about my mother and after picturing her, I saw a beautiful rose. It was red and very pretty.

#16 I remembered this morning because when I woke up I was happy. Most other morning I wake up really mad.

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#27 I thought gym today. 5-2 beat us for the first time. I don't care because we beat them more times.

#30 Money makes me feel rich. It makes me think I was in a castle filthy rich with money. I really wish I was rich.

#37 I don't know why we did not go to gym today. I was mad.

#38 They told us there was a fire in school today. I was mad because we did not have gym.

#39 When I was playing in the schoolyard with Marisol, Crissy, Michelle, Cynthia and Angie, my mother came and I felt happy because I love her.

#43 I was looking at the ruler and I thought: "The ruler is me. Imagine, using me to make nice lines out of me."

#47 Today was the last day of school before the Christmas vacation. I will miss school alot.

#53 Today was a boring day. I had nothing to do until my friend Martha came to my house and invited me to go to Broadway.

#54 Today was an O.K. day, but still it was boring. There was nothing to do so I went outside to play with my friends.

#55 Today is New Year's Day. It is boring because we did not go anywhere. We just were here. So it was really boring. I hate boring days.

#56 Today is a dumb day. It is really boring. I hate boring days so I went to my friend's house.

#70 I was thinking about the records the teacher put on. Everybody started to sing and they sounded sick.

#72 Vicky and Brenda are not my friends and now I don't know who to stick with.

#76 The song was nice but the record player sounded sick. If I would sing the song it would sound better.

#77 I was thinking that I was 20 years old already.

#78 I was thinking about the school picture. I hope I come out nice very pretty beautiful because I am.

#79 I thought about the stupid dreams I have.

#80 I thought about the ugly songs Mr. Pflaum plays.

#81 Today is Easter Sunday. I feel happy in the cheap movies I went to. I wore a mini skirt with my skinny legs.

#82 Today is Monday. It's a boring day because there is no school, but I went outside, how boring it was.

#84 Today I am in my friend's house. How bored I am.

#85 Today I am punished. I have to stay in my house.

#88 Today is my last day to sleep up till 12:00 o'clock. How bad.

#89 Today is a day of school again. How bad it is. No more "sleep sleep."

#90 Today I was so sleepy. But when I tried to go to sleep, I could not.

#92 I remembered when I first came to P.S. 16. I was an angel. Now look at me. I'm no longer an angel.

#99 I thought I was in my house sleeping.

#102 I wish the teacher changes me back to my old seat again.

#104 I wish there was no school tomorrow.

#109 I am happy because school is finishing.

CHAPTER 10

#2 I saw that I was baseball player for the Yankees. I was Bucky Dent. The bases were loaded and I hit a home run. The people screamed for me!

#7 I was an actor in a movie. I was a cowboy with Billy the Kid. The picture's name was "Billie."

#8 I saw that I was a football player for the Dallas Cowboys. I was number 20. I don't know his name, but I know that he is the best football player and that's me and that's my story.

#9 I was a writer who was 10 years old. I wrote millions of books for boys and girls and for families.

#11 I was a captain of a ship. In the night the crew's eyes turned red and black and they had knives and wanted to kill the captain.

#15 I was thinking of the relay races. We won and 5-2 wanted to beat us up.

#16 I was playing dodgeball with 5-2 today. I got 20 boys out, but they got me out around 10 or 11 times.

#20 I thought of the relay races. We won again, but this time they did not want to fight. Today they were not sore losers.

#21 I remembered the relay races. We lost to 6-1 because they cheated today.

#24 I thought that I was in the New York Marathon and I won the race and got $1,000.

#25 In gym today we were playing Relay Races. First, our girls beat 5-2 and then the boys beat 5-2 and they were not mad.

#27 I was thinking of dodgeball and the gym. Class 5-2 won because they cheated.

#30 Beauty to me is my baseball glove. It's a little big, but it makes me feel like a lovable feeling. It makes me think I'm Bucky Dent.

#31 I thought of something ugly. It's Miguel. He makes me feel mad because he plays dodgeball better than me. He makes me think I am in the zoo. He looks like an ape jumping up and down and up and down.

#35 Today we beat 5-2 and we lost to 4-2. We were not mad. We shook hands and said, "Good game."

#37 I was thinking of gym. When we were going to gym, the teacher said we were going to the auditorium instead and we were mad.

#42 The song made me think I was in gym. It was good in gym today. We won all the games we played. We were happy.

#43 I imagined I was Reggie Jackson and I was up to bat. The pitch came in fast but I hit it into the seats. The people were yelling and screaming because I hit a home run.

#44 I imagined I was in gym and I got all of the boys I played against out in dodgeball. I was the best! I could not stop it! I wished I could, but it did not stop!

#46 I was a baseball player named Ron Cey. I was up to bat and I hit it to first base and they got me out. The people were mad at me.

#48 I was the best player in baseball and I hit a home run. The people were screaming and yelling. They love me.

#50 I thought I was a draw of Christmas cards and I said, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May you be filled with every happiness."

#53 I was thinking I was an electronic game and the boys and girls turned me on and off and on and off and that is my story.

#54 I imagined being a football and they threw me around on the field. I was yelling and they threw me on the field again and that is my story.

#59 I remembered playing in the snow with my brother. We built a snow house and we had a snowball fight. The other boys beat me and my brother, but then we beat them.

#63 I was thinking that I was Smoky and I jumped a car 100 and 200 feet. I had the best car in the world. It jumped over 1,000 feet high. All the girls loved me and I loved them. But I can't have dates because I am married and I have 2 boys and 3 girls and a wife. She is beautiful and I love that lady.

#69 When 5-2 beat 4-2 in dodgeball, they were going to get an award. But then we beat 5-2 and they did not get the award and they were mad.

#70 I thought I was Rocky and I won the big fight. The man was mad, but I got the belt because I won. I said, "Good fight." All the people loved me.

#75 I was thinking about today. Boy, is 6-1 cheaters! They said they had 7 points when the game started and then when they played us, they said they had 4 points and we had 1.

#78 I thought about the punchball game. It was the boys versus the girls and we won 11 points to zero.

#79 In gym we had a special game of dodgeball and we beat 4-2 twice.

#82 I felt good because I was outside the whole day playing.

#83 I imagined playing baseball and I hit 4 home runs.

#85 I thought I could drink 500 apple juices and I ate 200 pieces of ham.

#86 I was thinking about buying a new glove and a bat. The two things give me good luck.

#91 I remembered the baseball game I went to see. The Mets lost 8-7 but Dave Kingman hit two home runs.

#92 I was thinking about when I go to sleep. All I can see in my dreams are dumb people like some of my friends. I don't want to tell about the people.

#93 I was playing hockey at my desk. I am a crazy boy, but I like playing at my desk.

#97 When we were playing dodge, it was me, Jesus, Manny, Arthur, Carlos and Angel playing. The other team won one game and we won two games.

#98 I was thinking about when we played 6-2 Dodgeball. They won all the games and we lost all the games. I was very mad.

#100 I thought about dodgeball. We played and won 3 games and they won one game, but we beat them.

#101 I was thinking about lunch. We were playing dodgeball and nobody won because they called a new game.

#102 I thought about the other team beating us in dodge.

#103 I imagined I was a crazy egg and crazy people ate me up.

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CHAPTER 11

#5 I saw Arthur being beat up by me. He was seeing stars and crying. Then he hit me and I hit him and he started to cry again. Jesus hit him and Arthur and Jesus began to fight. I was laughing at Arthur being beat up by Jesus. Jesus is my very best friend and his brother, too. We're almost cousins.

#7 I was sleeping and I thought of my parents and my baby sister. I like my parents and my sister. I love my sister.

#9 I saw a band singing and dancing and laughing. My friend Jesus was there and so was I. We were having a ball.

#12 I saw a bed with me sleeping on it. I dreamed about my old teachers becuase I was a man. I thought about Mr. Pflaum and the rest of my teachers. They were all talking about something and they were friends.

#13 I saw many people looking at Anwar Sadat and then some men coming from a truck with rifles and machine guns. They shot Sadat the man who wanted peace between the countries.

#15 I was in school working and a boy's mother comes up. She said I was fighting with her son and it was another boy. She said I did it all.

#18 I remember when I woke up at 7:00 today and I came late. I thought I was in trouble with the teacher and I felt scared.

#20 I remember this morning when Jesus' mother said they were going to North Carolina. I felt sad all morning until I went home for lunch today.

#21 I saw myself in the gym running. We thought we won the game but we lost. We were angry, but I was proud because we lost the silly old game. The rest of the class were angry.

#25 I remember when I was a baby. I would cry for anything. My mother would be mad and I was happy. I felt proud of myself.

#27 I saw clouds and I was in one of them sleeping. I started to dream about a car. I felt so good.

#30 I saw a white sheep dog. He was so beautiful that I would pat him and feed him. When I was 6 and he was 2, that's when the dog died.

#31 I saw little green men coming out of a frisbee with guns made out of paper and they looked like roaches.

#32 I saw a star with people living on it. They had guns made like stars.

#33 I thought about my report card. I am frightened because of it. I felt sick. I think that if I have a bad or a good report card, my mother and father and baby sister will still love me.

#34 I was thinking about the future. I was an artist drawing things. I won awards and I was on t.v...I became a star.

#35 I saw a man with a suit going to a wedding and he was me.

#36 I saw birds flying in the air and talking to me.

#41 I remembered the day my baby sister was born with alot of hair and she was big and pretty and I love her.

#43 I thought I became an artist imagining and drawing things. I was famous for my drawings and the day I died, my drawings were worth $1,000,000.

#45 I thought I was a toy doll with a candy cane and a pretzel hat gum hands and a head made out of ice-cream.

#46 I thought of being a raindeer with a red nose and a yellow ear and blue eyes and a pink tail.

#47 I was sleeping and dreaming about a cow named Red. He was a fat cow with a bad foot.

#48 I thought I was sick and sad and crying.

#49 I was thinking about toys and children babies mothers fathers sisters and brothers.

#50 I thought I was 500 years old and my dog was 7.

#52 I thought I was a horse with wings and I was pretty.

#53 I thought I was a pen with feet made out of ink and my hands were hooks.

#57 I thought I was sleeping in my bed and a car came and killed me and I was dead in my bed.

#61 I thought I was the captain of a ship during a war. They destroyed my ship and I died.

#62 I think I saw a ghost and a cat fighting a dog in the rain and thunder.

#63 I was thinking about Jesus, Angel, Miguel and Jeff because they are my best friends.

#64 I was thinking about Jesus. We have been friends for 5 years and now he is mad at me.

#65 I was thinking about Jesus and me when we were friends. He's not my friend, but I still am his friend and I will always be his friend.

#67 I was thinking about my mother who is in the hospital.

#68 I was thinking about Jesus and his brother Jeffrey and their mother Norma.

#69 I thought about my best friend Jesus. He is my only best friend I have and we are friends to the end no matter what.

#70 I thought about Jesus and his brother. We have been good friends for 6 years.

#72 I was thinking about the teacher and why he was so mad at me.

#73 I thought about my friends and my best friends who always were there when I needed them.

#74 I was thinking about tomorrow and today because they said there was going to be an earthquake tomorrow.

#75 I was thinking about Raul and why he has to hurt girls. I hit girls but I just play with them and I don't make them cry or have pain.

#78 I thought I was Jesus Merced's brother and that we had a fight and he did n't talk to me for a year and I was sad and angry because he didn't talk to me.

#79 I thought about Jesus and Jeffrey and all the good times we had and I wish we would have some more good times together.

#80 I wondered why Jesus was so mad at me just because I told Vicky I'm sorry.

#84 I thought I died because nobody loved me.

#90 I thought I was a giant penny and that I ate all the people in the world.

#95 I thought I was a light bulb and one night I blew up.

#97 I was thinking about my friend who is in the hospital and yesterday was his birthday.

#101 I thought I was a cat and I kissed a lady cat and her owner shot me with a gun.

#102 I was thinking that Mr. Pflaum let everyone change their seats and I can't.

#103 I thought I was Rick Cerone and I hit 4 home runs and everybody loved me for winning the World Series.

#104 I thought Mr. Pflaum was a piece of meat and Arthur ate him.

#105 I thought Mr. Pflaum was a giant and he stepped on me and killed me.

#106 I thought I did not have any friends and everybody hated me.

#110 I thought Mr. Pflaum was a bird and I was a cat and Raul was a dog and I ate Mr. Pflaum and Raul ate me.

#111 I thought I was a cow and Mr. Pflaum was a piece of grass and I ate him.

#113 I thought I was a dog and I chased a cat. I ate him and then I chased a fox but the fox beat me up and opened my stomach and let all the cats and foxes and rabbits out that I ate.

#114 I was thinking that even if everybody would be dead the world would be full with monsters.

#117 I thought that I went to 6-1 but I am going to 6-E.

CHAPTER 12

#1 I was seeing the numbers that I was counting and I felt like I was in space. I started shaking. I felt like I was floating without a rocket. I was a little scared.

#2 While I was counting back, I thought about the time me my cousins and my brother were playing in the hall. My grandmother came out with a broom and we all got away except Diana. My grandmother started hitting her and we laughed. All this happened a long time ago but I just remembered it now. It was like doing it over again.

#3 Me and my friends were fighting alot of villans and they caught all of us and threw us in a whales mouth. He swallowed all of us. We found some matches and we lit them up and the whale sneezed us out. We came flying out of the whale's mouth and the villans were waiting for us. We started fighting and killed all of them. At the end we had a big feast.

#11 I was seeing in my mind that I was flying like a bird. One time after school I was walking down the sidewalk and I began floating. Nobody could get me down to the ground. I saw somebody pulling me down on a rope and he saved me and I went walking down the street again.

#16 I was in bed and I was dreaming so much that I fell out of the bed and then I woke up.

#25 I imagined being in a room full of balloons and a balloon was as big as an elephant and I was in it. It carried me into a yeard and dropped me.

#26 I was thinking that I was in a park playing. There was a rainbow and we kept looking at it. Me, Manny G., Manny J., Leonel and Diana.

#30 I thought of a Koala bear because it makes me think of peace and joy. Sometimes it also makes me feel sleepy. It makes me feel sad, too. But I still like it.

#32 I remembered when I was in P.R. and two dogs chased me down the street. One of the dogs was called King. He was a black dog and the other dog was brown and its name was Blackie.

#34 I imagined a huge whale had swallowed me and I got out by using pepper. He sneezed me out.

#35 I saw myself floating around and after a while I was flying with a cat.

#36 I was a dog and nobody picked me up at the pet shop. So I went and did some tricks and everybody started saying, "I bid $60.00, $80.00 and $100.00." One man bid $200.00 and I was proud.

#37 I imagined that a hundred dogs were after me and I went through a forest and they stopped and I got away safely.

#38 I remembered the time my mother bought me a motorcycle racing track when I was around 5 or 6 years old.

#39 I thought I had to go to Pennsylvania to find two burgulars. When I got there we started finding clues. I found the two crooks by buying a bloodhound and I gave him the clues and he sniffed their trail and took me to them.

#40 I imagined seeing a lion with a splinter in his paw. I took it out and we made friends and we helped all the other animals that needed help.

#41 I was thinking that I had $1,000 and I wanted to buy a Pet Shop. I was looking to see if they were selling any and there wasn't one for sale. So instead of buying a Pet Shop, I made a club and I bought animals so it could be a Pet Shop. Then everyone bought animals.

#42 I thought my friends were animals and I was in trouble and they rescued me.

#43 I was imagining a racoon caught in a trap in the woods. I helped it get out and I took it home. A few days later I told it to bring me its family and friends so they could live in a home. Hours later it came with all the animals in the forest, and I fainted because I had to live with all those animals.

#44 I was imagining that I was a movie star and they said if I wanted a bulldozer. I said "yes." When they came, they brought me a sleepy bull from a circus. I was mad.

#56 I was thinking that I was a bird and I played with a fox. The fox tried to eat me, but when he snapped his jaw, I took a stone and put it in his mouth. He snapped at it and he went crying away.

#58 I imagined being a drum and people banged on me. An elf came by a week later and said, "If a person bangs on the drum it would turn to life." The next day a boy came and banged on me and I turned to life.

#61 I imagined that a dog turned into a frog becuase of a witch. When the witch fell asleep, I took her magic wand and broke it and the frog was changed back to a dog.

#62 I thought I was a wolf and I saw an alley cat change into a ghost.

#64 I was thinking that I was surrounded by 8,000 dogs. I started running and I found a magic potion that turned the dogs into flies and then I left.

#67 I saw that Arthur changed into a balloon and he was floating through the sky until he popped one day, and that was the end of Arthur the balloon.

#69 A dog was stuck and I took it and then it bit me and I let it go and it went.

#70 I was a trapeze artist and the ringmaster kept making me do new tricks and I did them. One day he said to do 4 flips on the trapeze before I caught the bar. When I tried, I fell and broke my leg. When I came out of the hospital I bopped the ringmaster on the head.

#71 I was thinking I had a dog and he bit me. I went and changed it for another one, and the same thing happened again.

#72 I was floating through space and a star came and crashed into another star and they blew up and I landed in another world.

#73 I remembered the fight in the lunchroom. They started fighting all of asudden. The teachers got in to stop them, but I walked away.

#80 I imagined I was on a ship and they were going to take me to an island and leave me there. But then I jumped off the ship and started swimming and they started shooting cannon balls. It started raining and the ship was struck by lightning and blew up and I had to return to the island.

#85 I was an airplane and someone started flying me. I flew around and landed again because it was only practice. Then alot of people boarded me and we took a long flight of 3 hours.

#87 I was in an airplane and I jumped off in a parachute. I began doing tricks and then I pulled the ring and the parachute opened as alot of people were looking on.

#89 I was thinking that I went to the Empire State Building. I went to the top and I looked down and saw alot of things. The people looked like ants. And the elevator ride up was real fast!

#91 I was a fish and I went into a net and got caught. They put me in a bowl with more fish and then they threw all of us back into the water.

#93 I thought I was flying and I lost control. I landed on a barn and then I began flying again. I bumped into a street light and instead of flying myself, I used an airplane.

#95 I thought I was on a big bird and it flew me into a big nest. It was going to test my flying and I didn't fly. She through me down because she thought that I was a bird and I fell all the way down.

#96 I was walking through a house and I saw a bear. I wasn't looking and it hit me on my arm and left. Some people took me to the hospital and they said I had a broken arm.

#97 I was thinking that I was in Coney Island and I was on the bumper cars. Alot of people started chasing me and I made a curve and they all crashed and I got out and started running.

#100 I imagined being a horse eating grass on a farm. I gave people rides everyday and then they put me in a carnival. I gave people rides there, too. I became a famous horse.

#103 I thought I was a bee and I went into a beer bottle and I got drunk and somebody stepped on me.

#104 I made-believe I was blind and a lady put $80.00 next to me. I took it and ran. Then a cop put a gun down and I took it and told everyone "freeze." I took the money, but the gun fell from my hand. I started running. It was too late.

#105 I was a bear and they put me in a circus. They were going to put me in the jungle after the circus so I spilled some white paint on myself and after my circus days, they took me to the North Pole.

#111 I thought an alligator ate me and when they killed the alligator I came out.

#114 I was thinking that I was in a car with alot of people and we crashed into a pole.

#115 I was a mouse and everytime I came out of my hole, a cat would use me as a ping-pong ball.

CHAPTER 13

#1 I dreamed about school opening. I was the only person in school. I went back home and told my mother that I was the only one there. The next day I came back and the school was burned up.

#3 I felt like I was abee. When people passed I would go to their heads and sting them and then fly away. After stinging somebody, I was killed. But my sister and my mother got lots of people when I died.

#4 I felt like a rabbit as I walked through the woods. I saw wild animals in the forest. One day I was alone and I spotted a wild animal and I hopped to my hole and I never came back out.

#6 I thought I was a mean bear. I ate tigers and lions. Once I was walking through the forest and I saw a lost girl. Her parents were looking for her. I took the girl to her mother and father. We became friends.

#7 I thought I was a tree. A 10 year old kid walked by me and I hit him in the head and he yelled, "Who hit me?" I said, "I did!" and he ran and told the police. They said, "This tree isn't alive" and I hit him in the head. The police said, "Let's kill this tree" and they chopped me off and I died.

#9 I was feeling very happy. I was so relaxed that I enjoyed the record. I was very excited. I felt as if I were the piano player. I felt so calm.

#10 I thought I was the lady who was singing and Marisol and Michelle, too. We were great singers and we became great friends. We were very happy.

#11 I thought I was a seal a very unhappy seal. When I was doing a show, everybody walked away. I was so sad that I started to cry. One day I was working very hard and I went out to do a show and the people saw me. They liked me and the zoo became very crowded. I turned crazy doing all my tricks and when I finished I was very happy.

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#12 I thought that I was crying because the music made me feel very relaxed. I was so calm that it made me happy, too.

#13 I felt very strange as if something was bugging me like a stranger was following me.

#14 I felt very happy because the song was very exciting. It seems as if I were a woman already.

#15 I felt as if I were in another world. I was so scared that I thought an astronaut caught me and they put me in a cage. There were more humans in the cage and they caught me and killed me.

#16 I felt very strange. I felt as if something was getting into me. When the music stopped, my head was banging and I was scared.

#17 I felt sad when Endless Love was on. I felt very unhappy as if Endless Love was real.

#19 I felt as if I were the smartest girl in the class. I was looking at the other children. It seems as if they had a problem.

#21 I felt like dancing. My body felt strange. It felt as if something was pulling it to the floor and my head felt strange, too, like somebody was pulling my hair.

#22 I remember when I was in third grade when we performed a dance. First I was afraid. But when we finished, everyone was very happy. When we got to the class, everybody said we were great.

#25 At lunchtime I just couldn't stop thinking about the lady that hit Marisol and screamed at me. I'm scared.

#27 I felt like dancing until everybody started laughing. From there I woke up and I got a headache.

#28 This morning I felt as if we were in Spring. I felt as if the plants were opening again and everything turned wonderful. My mind felt as if the sun was coming out.

#29 The last song made romantic, happy and excited.

#30 I felt as if I were in another world like if I were hostage and they took me and never brought me back.

#31 I felt like I was going to cry as if I were in love.

#32 I felt as if I were floating in the air and then I awoke and I was in another world.

#34 I felt fantastic. When I heard the Spanish record I felt like dancing.

#35 I liked all three records. They made me feel silly. The music made me feel wonderful.

#36 I felt sad. I felt like crying. I felt unhappy.

#37 I felt as if I were a car. I was going real real fast and I got scared.

#38 I felt very sad when I heard the song. I felt like I were in another world.

#39 I thought that I was in my house and I was wondering what I had been doing there. I was eating ice cream and I felt scared.

#40 I thought I was in another world and I was very scared. When I stopped, I thought they were going to kill me.

#43 I felt sad because we lost our gym period. I love working, but I like going to gym, too. I like having fun!

#44 I felt happy because today is one of my favorite days! I could go shopping to buy cards for my teacher and my friends. I like my teacher and my friends.

#47 I felt sad because I went to see my friends again and I like them as if they were my sisters.

#48 I felt happy because I had to go out and my sister fell in the water and got soaking wet. I started to laugh.

#49 I felt sad because I did not get anything for my mother for Christmas.

#50 I felt bored because I felt like doing more work. I like work.

#51 I felt angry because my sister got me so mad and I felt like hurting her.

#52 I felt scared at night because when I went to lay down, someone moved the bed.

#55 I felt happy because when I started my vacation I did not feel good.

#57 I felt mad because I hated those songs and it made me sad and I felt bored and sleepy, too.

#59 I felt sad because I felt something inside and it got me sleepy.

#60 I felt as if I was in different colors. I felt strange. I hate myself.

#62 I thought I was in a haunted house and I was scared and frightened.

#63 I felt sad because when I heard the music I got sad and I feel like crying.

#64 I felt tired. I felt as if I were in another world like in space and I was only dreaming.

#65 I was thinking about miracles and I thought a miracle would happen to me.

#70 When I was laying down I was unhappy.

#72 I thought I was a rainbow and a rainbow has nice colors. So I thought I was a butterfly and I had the nice colors the rainbow had.

#73 I felt like a bird flying in the air. I was flying to find food and one day I died but I was born again.

#76 I was thinking that I was the principal of the school and everybody listened to me.

#79 I felt scared because I thought I was going to faint.

#82 I was scared in the midnight.

#84 I was mad at myself.

#85 I felt from another world and I was very bad and killed people.

#86 I had a dream that I was a very stupid girl and I got left back.

#87 I was a monster and everybody hated me.

#90 I was scared when I saw a scary movie and I was crying.

#95 When the teacher was saying "you have to get a high score" on the reading test I got scared.

#96 I thought I was a bird flying, but that was only a dream and I got mad.

#98 I was thinking that I was in bed sleeping and I never woke up.

#107 I thought I was fighting and I got hit in the nose and I was bleeding.

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#109 I thought I was a rabbit hopping because I was so happy!

#110 I thought I was dancing and I felt happy because I enjoy dancing.

#111 I thought I was a flower and I grew until someone stepped on me and I died.

#112 I thought I was going to 6-E, but I know I'm not. I felt sad.

#113 I thought of the Free-Bridges that we do in class. I wish I could be a Free-Bridge.

#117 I thought I was rich and Mr. Pflaum poor. I walked by and I saw Mr. Pflaum begging for money and I gave him a million dollars.

CHAPTER 14

#1 A picture came into my mind. I kind of focused on it and then I saw it was a girl a girl that I knew. We went to a summer center together. I really liked her. Then a feeling came to me it was like a feeling of love between me and her. I wanted to tell her that I love her but every time I want to tell her I like her I can't tell her that I love her. For me it's very hard to tell a girl that I love her and that's it.

#4 I saw that girl again, but this time I saw me telling her I liked her and I kissed her. But I didn't believe it, it was like a miracle. I saw stars and hearts with arrows through them. We stood just hugging each other for a very long time. Then we kissed once more then stepped back. Then we disappeared. Then I saw black.

#5 I saw a girl. It was the same girl. I don't know why every time I count back from 50 to 40, then at 40, I see her well. She was waving at me telling me to come closer and closer. I couldn't fight her beauty. It was like a magnet pulling me. But the rest is strictly private.

#6 I saw you know who again, but this time she was in her night gown telling me to sit down on the bed. I walked over, but I couldn't sit down, so I didn't. Then it finished.

#9 I pictured myself in a lab. It was the one with the big telescope looking at the stars. One day I saw falling stars. Then they stooped and I reported it to the newspapers and then right these stars were falling all over the place. Then I took a couple and studied them. I discovered that the stars have enough solar energy to create one man to fight the world even all the armies in the world.

#10 I saw me being rich. I was filthy rich with trillions and billions of dollars and I had a mansion that was 18 stories high and with a big room that had a safe with all my money. I had a big black car with a chauffeur. It had a telephone, a t.v., a bar and a stereo.

#12 I saw me Miguel and Angel walking down the street. Then these 3 kids came at us and said, "Let's fight." They started punching Miguel until Miguel belted them and we all started fighting. When me Miguel and Angel finished beating them up we went off to a lemonade stand to celebrate.

#14 I saw me as a construction worker. I would be moving the dirt taking the rocks out of the ground. Then one day while the building was only half done a big stick of iron came down on my friend. I jumped out of my bulldozer and pushed him out of the way. He thanked me and smiled.

#15 I was like in a beautiful place. There were birds rainbows and trees and flowers. All the animals were friendly. They smiled and danced and the trees were so beautful they glittered. The animals ran away when they heard a sound of a trumpet. An owl told me that up there in the castle lives a King a terrible King and I said, "If that's a terrible King how come everything is so nice. The owl died of old age and the mystery stayed unsolved.

#17 I felt very relaxed. I mean I wanted to go to sleep and I saw pictures of things of people and animals cats dogs. Then I saw stars and one star was falling. I caught it and threw it back up.

#18 Today when I woke up my cat woke me up. She jumped on my bed and started licking my face. I woke up and banged my head against the wall. That was the wrong side of the bed. I fell off the right side of the bed. Then I washed my teeth. In the bath tub when I was taking a bath, I started waking up. I got dressed and came to school wondering how I got the bump on my head.

#19 I remember at lunch I was playing dodgeball. I caught Dennis's ball and he came and took the ball and hit me. I hit him back and then he kicked me and we almost got into a fight but I stopped.

#20 I remember me and Miguel were arguing. We were gonna fight and kept on arguing. Then Alex got in the conversation. Me and Miguel told him off and then me and Miguel were friends again.

#21 I felt like a cloud and I landed on one. I was going places to outer space where I saw the Milky Way and the stars and finally to a gigantic planet that exploded.

#25 I remember this morning when I was coming to school. I saw a cat eating a rat and then another cat came and they started fighting. The other cat ran away and got two other cats. I helped the one cat and she purred and put a piece of rat next to me and I said, "No thanks."

#28 I remember when I almost got transferred to 5-2. I was mad and angry with the teacher and he told me if I didn't shape up to get the hell out and he's giving me another chance. But to me he's all right the Best teacher I had.

#30 I saw a puppy. It was so cute I took him home with me. He was so beautiful and he always obeyed me. One day he had 12 puppies. I was so happy I cryed a little almost cried a little.

#32 I remember when I was going home and my friend started bothering me so we had a fight. The other guy got into trouble and then I got into trouble because he said I started it. I got yelled at for coming home late and I still wonder why he lied.

#34 I saw myself as the Lone Ranger fighting crome on my horse Silver and Tanto with his horse.

#36 I dreamed that I was with you know who and we were singing. We sat down on a chair and we kissed finished.

#40 I dreamed I was on the Enterprise for two hours. It was fun going around and around and around...

#41 When I was listening to the 2 records I felt really relaxed and then I got into it. I saw I was singing to my girl and giving her jewelry and all my love and I said, "I don't want 'clever conversation.'"

#42 I thought I was at a rock concert singing and all the girls ran over each other to get to me.

#55 I remembered on Christmas morning I opened my packages and I was happy enough to fill the world with happiness and when I got something I wanted I was happier than happy.

#56 I dreamed I was an artist. I was painting and drawing. One day I got my most valuable painting stolen...

#58 I thought I was a bird soaring through the air until one day I got hurt. My wing got better I don't know how, whether it was the praying or the caring. Well only God knows. But I wonder every time why people kill birds?

#59 I thought I was the smartest boy in the world. I was a Math Magician and could do 200 problems in 12 minutes. I was proud!

#61 I dreamed I was a knight in shining armor. I fought the dragon and slayed my foes.

#65 I remembered when I was 8 I got hit by a brick. I can see that clearly. I was hurt. I was bleeding and I had the biggest bump ever. I looked very ugly and I couldn't see from one eye and that was bad.

#66 I remembered when I fell off my bike. I was hurt bad and started to cry.

#67 I remembered the first day of school in the first grade. I was scared. My tooth came out. I had 50¢ and I made alot of friends, especially Alex. And now look at me, how he turned into my best friend and then the greatest are Angel and Miguel. They're the best.

#68 I thought I was a comedian dancing on the stage and having fun. But the record stopped all my fun had to end.

#70 I felt light skinny. I felt no weight at all. I was like floating in air.

#71 I felt like asleep you know soaking in a hot tub of bubble bath ahhhh I could fall in it right now.

#72 This morning in the gym our team the Cucarachas won the game. We went to the other team to say good game and they started to make fun of us because of the mistakes we made.

#73 I remember at music Miguel said he couldn't sing the song on the board, but he did it alright.

#74 I thought I was in winter wonderland because the snow was bright white and I felt it was Christmas.

#76 I dreamed about being the drummer drumming until I was at the top feeling great.

#84 I thought I was an egg and colored and the prettiest egg there.

#88 I was the best painter in the world!

#89 I dreamed I was a math magician helping kids and making them smarter.

#91 I dreamed of being an artist painting heroes and villans. One day they came to life and I became best friends with them. We stopped more fighting and wars. We let peace come in and friendliness to the people of the world.

#94 I dreamed that I was an American Pioneer and I thought of new ideas for opening new doors for a new people.

#96 I thought I was on a big swing sliding back and forth until I fell off the swing.

#97 I was not afraid of anything and I slayed everything in my way with my companions.

#108 I thought Mr. Pflaum was a little caterpillar and I stepped on him. He came back in a different form and stepped on me. But I came back as a dragon and I tasted Mr. Pflaum and ate him. I got sick and threw up.

CHAPTER 15

#3 When I was counting, I thought that I was in Puerto Rico with all my family. I wanted to come back to N.Y. I returned to N.Y. and then I wanted to go back to P.R.

#6 When I was counting, I thought that I was swimming. My brother came underwater and bit me on the toe and I thought it was a fish.

#11 When I was counting, I thought I saw a little animal a monkey a pig all in a little car. The sun and mountains and oceans said to everyone in the car: "We order you to give us your clothes that you are wearing."

#12 I was thinking that my sister was going to the movies and then she said she wasn't. When she came home I said to her if she was scared. She said "no." I said to my sister, "Look! There's a hand in the wall!" And she started calling my mother.

#15 As I was opening my eyes, I was wondering about the time I went to the roller rink. Alot of people were skating fast, and a boy pushed me, and then a woman stepped on my finger, and then my mother and father came to pick me up...

#17 I was thinking that my brother came from Philadelphia. His name is Francisco but I call him Peter. He's my best brother I ever had. He came to visit my mother and father and I hope he stays in my house. I hope. I love him very much.

#19 This morning I was going to school and I forgot to comb my hair. If my mother didn't say anything, I would have gone to school like that. I'm luck my mother told me something or I would go to school looking like a dumb dumb.

#23 I was thinking about yesterday. My brother sent me some pictures when he used to be in school. He was so skinny. Now he weighs 134 pounds. He does alot of exercise. He looks like the 16 million dollar man.

#24 I thought I was a monkey jumping all around. When I woke up I thought I really was a monkey. As I got out of bed, my dream had gone.

#31 While I was thinking, I imagined seeing a squirrel in a tree. I saw myself throwing a stick and some rocks at him until he came down from the tree. I was sitting on the ground and the squirrel came and ate some nuts that were on the grass. It was so cute with a long tail and his skin was soft and nice.

#32 It was my mother's birthday yesterday and my father gave her a big present and she gave my father a big big big kiss and he fainted.

#33 I was wondering if I was in the world. I thought it was a dream and when I opened my eyes, I was really in the world!

#34 I was wondering why Millie didn't want to take her little sister to her classroom. Her aunt told Millie she is in a hurry and Millie told her to take her sister by herself.

#35 My father was playing with my mother and he said laughing: "Did you hug your child today?" And my mother said, "Yes." While she was sleeping on the sofa, my father fell asleep, too, and my mother woke him up to eat. He told her that he didn't want to eat. "I just want you," he said and kept on playing. My father didn't go in to work.

#37 I thought about a bee that stung me in the arm and I screamed.

#38 I had a little cat. I took him to take a bath and he scratched me. I got real mad and I threw him to the wind and then I began to cry.

#39 I was thinking that the song was the one my mother always put on when my grandfather died a slow record.

#40 I didn't think of anything because I was talking to Ivette.

#41 When I went to Ivette's house there was mud on the floor. Ivette ran and she fell and I was going to laugh but then I fell down and we both laughed together.

#43 I was thinking that it was my mother's birthday and I forgot! When I came home, my brother told me that it was my mother's birthday. I went to the store to buy her a present.

#44 I thought that somebody in this class likes Jesus. I know somebody likes Ralph. I like somebody named Joe. My mother knows he is not in this school.

#55 I remembered when me Ivette and Belinda and Tawana went to the bathroom. There were alot of girls there and they were screaming. They were caught and we almost got into trouble because of them.

#56 I was in the park playing and I found a little flower. It was red. I opened it and it was yellow inside.

#57 I went to the store and bought candy. I gave you and Ivette and Belinda almost all of it. I did not give any to the boys.

#58 I bought a sandwich and gave Belinda and Ivette some. I bought two sodas and gave one to Belinda and one to Ivette. That's why I came late because I was eating the sandwich and drinking my soda on the benches.

#60 I was outside with Ivette and I saw Millie. I asked Millie to go home with me because I was scared. I saw this big foot and I ran and slipped on myself.

#61 I had a fight and I got hit and I hit her back and then we really started to fight and I won but I think we were tied.

#63 I was playing inside and a boy asked me if I wanted to go out with him. His name is Heda.

#64 I saw myself Belinda and Ivette in the park. We saw a woman and I got scared and I went home. That's why I came late because I was scared...

#67 I wasn't thinking of anything because I was bored. That is dumb being bored like I was.

#71 I was thinking that I was playing. I really didn't know if I was playing. But when I had gone to play for real, I knew I was playing.

#72 I imagined being in Puerto Rico and I had a swing in a tree and I fell down and began to cry.

#73 Yesenia Belinda and me went to Yesenia's house. Then we went to the park and Yesenia hit herself on the leg and tore her stockings and she said it was Belinda's fault.

#74 I thought that the snow was on top of me. It was real cold. I was thinking that I was outside seeing the people pass around in the snow.

#75 I was happy. I thought that the rainbow was all around me because when I closed my eyes I could see alot of colors.

#77 I imagined seeing a ball going round and round with all different colors on it.

#79 I thought I was an animal and I ate Mr. Pflaum Jeffrey the best teacher.

#83 I went walking down the street with my sister. Alot of people were passing and while they were passing, someone stole my sister's purse.

#85 I saw a bird and then I began to fly after it.

#87 I love to eat. I love to sleep. But thing I like best is to dance up and boogie.

#89 I was thinking I saw a dog with a cat and they didn't fight or anything.

#90 I love to see Tom and Jerry. I love to see the mouse beat up the cat.

#92 I was thinking about my father going to Puerto Rico today at 11:00 P.M. in the night. I felt like going too with my brother and my mother.

#93 I didn't have anything to write contemplation contemplation contemplation is fun contemplation...

#97 I imagined that Ivette ate and ate and ate and when she finished her sandwich she was still hungry and I was full.

#98 I imagined being a dog and I kept on barking and barking and barking and barking and barking and I kept on...

#102 I was thinking that I was sleeping in a park in my bed. My mother was in the kitchen and the bathroom was there, too. It was real nice raining in the bed.

#103 I was thinking that I was eating an apple and it was Mr. Pflaum that I was eating.

#108 I thought I was dancing inside the record.

#110 I imagined I was a horse. But I wasn't a horse, I was inside the horse.

#113 I imagined I was a Genie and I made Mr. Pflaum a beautiful man and I made my house for him and me.

#116 I thought I was in a tree. I wasn't. I was hanging through my father's hair.

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CHAPTER 16

#1 I didn't think of anything at all.

#2 Nothing at all. But a sad feeling like someone was going to die today from my family.

#3 My brother getting hit by a car. My sister having a baby. A tree saying they're cutting me in half. And a feeling.

#4 I saw a bunny hopping through the forest. He was lost. His mom and dad were looking for him. I was thinking that my mother was sick in bed.

#5 I was thinking that a dog bit me. I was thinking that my brother had a girlfriend. My sister was getting left back in the 9th grade. I was taking care of my sister's baby.

#6 I saw a cow drinking milk. I was thinking that a bear was going after me. My little sister was having a fight.

#7 I don't want to tell you but I'm going to tellyou what I was thinking about. It's about a guy who I like. I was thinking about my mother and father fighting because of me and I feel bad.

#8 I was thinking about a little boy who was hungry. His parents died in a fire. I thought I was a little girl.

#9 A dog was running after me and he was trying to bite me. I was lost for two days and they were trying to find me but the dog was still after me.

#11 I imagined a dog and a cat fighting. I thought I was sick and my mother and father brought me a puppy and I got well.

#13 I thought I was in P.R. and my grandmother was very sick. I was crying and I felt that my grandfather was going to die soon, too. I was really sad because I love them both.

#14 I remembered when I was little that I was paralyzed. I fell out of my bed and I never would walk again. But I learned how to walk step-by-step and that's why I am here now.

#17 I felt like I was flying in air and could not stop flying around the room. I wish I stopped flying and I fell on the floor and broke my leg.

#18 At lunchtime we were playing with the guys and they said they were going to get us. But we ran away and they started hitting my friend. I got in to try and help and they hit me. I thought they were going to beat us up.

#22 When I didn't come to school, I was sick very very sick. My mother used to take care of my sister's baby and I had to take care of myself.

#23 I was thinking about my mother who is sick and my father who is sick, too. But I don't care. I thought I didn't have to come to school, but I came because I like to work.

#24 I imagined that I was in India because my father is Indian and because my grandmother was sick and that's why we had to go to India. I love it there more than here.

#25 I was wondering what my mother was doing now and also my sister. How was my sister doing in her new job and also how my sister's new baby is doing and how my father was doing?

#26 I was thinking about my friends and me playing outside. We had lots of fun even thought I lost so many times. I thought about my mother and how she is.

#27 I thought about a guy who likes me. But I don't know, I don't like him at all. I thought about my grandmother. I wish she is o.k.

#28 I remembered a guy who I grew up with a guy I know for a long time and the one I used to like. I would like to see how he is now.

#30 I saw something I liked. It was big and round and blue. I liked it alot. Oh I wish I could have it so much. I love it! I saw a doll with a beautiful white dress and with little shoes. It makes me feel happy when I see it.

#31 I was thinking about someone I know. Someone I met on Tuesday. I was thinking about how he feels. I really like him as a friend.

#32 I remembered my mother and father fighting about something and they did not want to tell me about it. I want to know what was wrong.

#33 I thought about a fight I had with my mother. I felt very sad and unhappy about it. I began to cry and cry and my mother felt bad, too, because she was always fighting with me and not with my brothers and sisters.

#34 Me and my mother are going out to buy things for me. My mother had alot of money and we also bought something to eat.

#35 I was thinking that my sister was in the hospital and they said she was going to die. I was crying alot because I love her so much.

#36 I imagined having a fight with someone big really big and that's my sister. I thought of my sister who is dieing of something. But it's all right it's her time.

#37 My mother and I were going out shopping to buy something for Father's Day. My father really loved the present.

#38 I was having a fight with my friends and I did not want to talk to them because of what they did to me.

#40 My brother is going to be a father. It was a girl blue eyes black hair and very pretty.

#41 I remembered when I was a baby beginning to walk with my sister. I used to live on the seventh floor. One day when my father was going to his job, I fell all the way down to the first floor. When my father saw me, he thought I was a doll. He left me there and a man said, Look at your daughter on the floor." They took me to the hospital and they told my parents that I might never walk again. But God helped me and now I walk. The End of a true story that happened to me.

#42 I was thinking about when my brother gets out of the hospital and my grandfather, too. I wonder what they will look like. I wish they could walk.

#43 My father and I are going to India to see my grandmother, grandfather, cousins, brothers and siters. What will things be like over there? Would it be like here or not??

#44 I was thinking about my sister who was having a baby. She was about 7 months. My other sister is 8 months. My brother's wife had 2 babies. She had a girl and a boy. Each are 1 month.

#45 I remembered when my brother and sister were fighting. My sister hates me so much that she'll kill me and my brother punched her in the nose because he hates her. But I like her because she's my sister even though she hates me. I don't know why she's like that.

#46 At 12:00 when it was Christmas I got sick very sick. They took me to the hospital. I had to sleep there. They gave me good things to eat but I couldn't eat.

#47 They were having a party in my friend's house and I was going. I had a Christmas present for everyone in the family. They loved it. All my friends came, too. We all had ice cream, we talked, we danced, we drank soda and then we went home.

#49 On Saturday my aunt died. We were at my sister's house. We went out to eat and then came back. We were drinking soda and eating when my aunt's husband came to my sister's house and he told us. We began to cry and cry and cry and cry. My mother had an attack because her sister died. We did not believe it.

#59 I was on an island and they were going to kill me. I started to run and run but they found me and wanted to kill me. They started to dance and I was crying. One of the men let me go while the other's were dancing. I told him to go with me and he did.

#60 I was thinking that someone was running after me while the music was on. I was running very fast and I ran and ran and the music was going faster and faster and I was running and crying. I ran into a little house and he ran inside after me. But he did not find me and he left.

#62 The cat was running after me and bit me. I fell in a hole. I started to look like a cat and there was a man in the hole, too. He had a knife a big one but I got out of it.

#63 My brother is in the hospital because his wife is having a baby. I hate her but she is my brother's wife and she is having a baby.

#64 My brother and me were fighting because my mother hit him and not me. So I pushed him and he fell and hit his head and he was crying and then they hit me.

#65 My friend is in love with somebody and he is not trying to make him like her. But if it doesn't work out, I don't know how I am going to help her.

#66 I was thinking about how many babies my dog would have. I want to go home and see. I love my dog. I had her from a puppy to now.

#67 There were two guys who liked me. They're nice and I like one of them in a way. One is in 6-1 and one in 7-1.

#68 I was thinking that my mother was so sick that we had to take her to the hospital and my sister is having a baby.

#69 My grandmother is dieing because of her blood in India. My father is going soon to see her.

#71 I was thinking that my mother was going to get killed. I was frightened and she was too. That song makes me think about it.

#72 My cousin left her house and said that if they look for her they are going to find that he died and that if they do something to her guy she will kill herself.

#73 My little sister had a fight with a girl in 6-1 and my little sister told my brother. He got very mad and came and hit the girl in her face.

#74 Everyone is saying that the world is going to end. I say it isn't true. I have to see it to believe it. Everyone is saying the world is going to end because it's snowing and it's almost spring.

#77 My cousin was having her baby and she was all alone in her house. I think the baby's going to die. I wish the baby doesn't die. I wish nothing happens.

#78 My and my friend were big around 16 or 17 and we were having fun in school lots of fun and we had guys and our mothers let us.

#79 I was a baseball player. We used to play alot of big games and we would win all the time. I like playing baseball alot because it makes me happy.

#83 My sister had taken my shoes and had broken them. I started to fight and fight with her and then I took hers.

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#84 My mother and father were talking about me. I got mad started to fight with them. My sister got in and I hit her.

#87 My friend was crying because her mother died and I told her that she was with God so she did not have to feel bad about it.

#92 My father was looking out the window to see if I was playing with a boy. I was mad at him.

#93 Vicky Angel and me were playing. He was hitting us hard so we threw him on the floor. We had lots of fun.

#94 We were going on a trip with 6-1 and we had lots of fun. A bus hit a little boy from another school.

#98 My mother got a letter saying her cousin died and she did not cry because she did not know her well.

#100 A guy likes me but I'm not into loving a guy or liking a guy not me.

#101 I was a bird and I had 10 eggs big ones and one of the eggs opened and out came an ugly baby bird that could not fly.

#102 I was green and red and yellow and blue and ugly very ugly.

#103 My sister said, "Hey, you think you are a cat." I said, "No. I think I'm a dog, you dummy." I was sleeping and she came out and bit me. I said, "You dog," and she said, "You cat."

#104 I went to the park and I saw a little boy get hit by a car. I yelled, "Look out!" But it was too late.

#105 I was a bee and I loved honey and yellow and I liked blood.

#106 The boys were playing in the lunchroom and we ate last because of them. I hate boys!

#107 Mr. Pflaum was a cow and ate all the grass in the world and the world now looks ugly.

#109 My sister likes boys and I hate boys. My sister looks like a dog and I don't know how they could like her.

#111 The boys were playing and they got me in my hair and my face with water.

#112 My sister told me: "Why is a tree brown and green?" I said, "You know," and she said, "Yes." "Because it was born like that," she said.

#113 One of my big sisters was drinking from a bottle. I said, "Baby, baby, big baby. You still like to drink from a bottle."

#116 My mother asked me if I wanted to go to P.R. "No," I said. "I hate P.R. I don't want to become black. I want to be white."

CHAPTER 17

#2 I remember when I was born in 1971. My father taught me how to walk and talk and write and make new friends.

#5 I remembered camp. I remember everything. I had alot of fun there.

#7 I felt that I was singing the song and dancing with a boy. We were running all around and enjoying the fun.

#12 I thought I was a tree and I was saying to myself: "I hope I become human." I started crying and then it rained and I became human.

#14 I thought that I did not have a friend or a mother or father. I was crying and a woman came up to me and said, "I am your mother." I got happy and I cried and cried. She took me to church. She was my friend.

#15 I thought I was in my bed sleeping and when I woke up I was in school.

#16 I remembered when I came to school. I saw these men. I started to walk fast because I got scared. I thought they would take me with them.

#20 My body felt like it was touching the drums.

#21 I was thinking about this morning when I woke up. It looked like 7:00 A.M. When I got out of my bed it was 8:00 A.M. and someone was at the door. I got scared because I thought it was the man breaking the window.

#22 I imagined that I was a dancing tree and everybody was a tree and we were shaking our ___________.

#24 I felt like crying. I thought that I ran away from my family. I got scared that a man took me and killed me.

#26 In the song, All Out Of Love, I thought that I did not have a lover.

#27 I thought I was all alone and I was frightened. I thought that a man was coming at me in slow motion and I got scared and punched him out.

#29 I was thinking that everybody was running all around and they were very happy. I thought that the world ended, but they said "no," and I felt happy.

#33 I remembered when my father came home, I thought he was going to give me money, but he didn't.

#35 I imagined that everybody was dead and I was the only one left.

#36 I thought about last night when my father brought home a watch. I thought he was going to give it to me and he gave it to my sister.

#37 This morning my mother told my father to come to school. I got scared because of something I did wrong.

#38 I remembered when I was sleeping last night. I couldn't sleep because, I really don't know, but I thought that something was happening...

#39 I was thinking about camp. I remember all the fun with my cousins. We went to the pool everyday and we had our own cabin.

#40 Yesterday my father and my mother bought a pair of shoes for my sister and did not buy anything for me. I was mad and they said they were not going to buy anything for me until Christmas.

#44 Yesterday a boy came to my house and said to me that he doesn't know what snow is. He did not know what color it is because he came from the Dominican Republic. He was Spanish and I told him that he must wait until winter and he'll see...

#48 I was dreaming about something. It was real sad and it was like this: "If my mother dies, I wonder where I'll go without her." I almost started to cry.

#49 I imagined that I was blind. I would be scared. As I started thinking that I almost began crying.

#51 I thought about a t.v. program that showed some kids without a mother or father. They don't have food. I felt like calling up, but the problem is I don't have any money.

#53 I thought about sad things. I almost felt like crying. I just felt like crying.

#55 I felt that my father is the best father I ever had because he gave me money to buy clothes.

#56 I saw a movie called A Kid From Nowhere. It made me cry. It was good. It showed alot of kids that are crazy and can't walk or hardly do anything or have something in their heads.

#57 I thought about the song's words, "All my love is all I have." It made me feel happy because I felt real sad and now I am happy.

#63 I thought about my family. They are nice and they take me places like Great Adventure and to camp and to pools. That's what makes me feel happy about them.

#65 I was thinking about the second song. It really got into me. I love it.

#67 The song Why Do Fools Fall In Love? made me feel happy because the teacher put it on 5 times. I thought that I was here because I started singing along with the record.

#69 My family is so nice to me and one of these days I'm going to squeeze them and I almost started to cry.

#71 I didn't think about anything. I just felt that contemplation is nice.

#75 I thought about my family. They are so nice to me and I love them alot. That's why I say they are nice.

#76 I thought I was a rollerskate rollerskating and singing the song.

#78 I remembered last night when I was sleeping. I had a beautiful dream that I was nice and warm and when I put my head up I was cold.

#79 I imagined I was saying jokes and poems and I thought I was a joker.

#82 I thought I would fail the reading test because I tried and I tried and I don't know if I scored 5th grade. But I am happy.

#84 I was thinking about everything that happened to me and I felt happy.

#86 I thought about family camp. I had so much fun. We used to go to the beach everyday.

#88 I thought about everything bad that has happened to me and I did not like it.

#90 I remember the time I went to pick my cousin up. I was waiting for the light to turn red. A man in a car passed and then stopped. He looked at me and I got scared because I thought he wanted to take me.

#91 I remembered the old days when I had so much fun. I wish I was back in the old days. I miss the pool, the camp and Great Adventure.

#92 I thought about my glasses. When my father bought them, I said to myself, "I won't break it." Today my glasses came off and broke. I said to myself, "I lied."

#94 I was thinking about today's test. I was so scared I was praying to God last night to pass.

#95 I was thinking about the good days when I was a baby. My father used to carry me to the park and I had so much fun.

#98 We are going to Great Adventure on May 31, 1982.

#99 The song was so beautiful that I was singing with it and so was the whole class. It was beautiful.

#101 When I woke up today I thought it was Saturday and my mother said to go to school. I said there isn't any school. When I turned on the radio the man said to get ready to go to school it's Monday morning. I got so mad I thought I was going to break the radio.

#102 My father always takes us somewhere and I feel happy about it!

#105 I was a house and every time somebody came up the stairs they would step on me and I used to get mad and cry.

#107 I imagined being a car and everyone would sit on me and smash me.

#108 I am a ball and every time the boys played with me they would hurt me.

#109 I was a tree and all the times my leaves fell, I would cry.

#110 I was a contemplation card and all the times they would write something, I would read it, and they would hit me for reading it.

#111 I was a piece of chalk and every time the teacher would write, I would get smaller and smaller and I would get mad.

#112 The songs were nice and they made me think of the word love.

#113 I imagined being a bird in the sky flying in slow motion.

#115 I imagined being everybody's thoughts and I every time I would read them, they would give me a sad feeling.

CHAPTER 18

#1 I saw a picture of my puppy when he was young. I used to play with him alot. I remember the time he got lost when he was big. I liked walking with him. I loved him very much.

#3 I saw a picture of my little mouse. I remember when my father had a penny and he bought me Ben. That's what I call him. My mother said that I have to give it away. I didn't want to give him away. I loved them alot. I had to give Ben to Albert.

#6 I saw a picture of my puppy. I was dancing with him. I loved him very much. He used to jump on me. I used to hit him and he liked to bite me.

#7 I saw a squirrel in a tree. I had bread and gave the squirrel some. He came and ate it. "It was cute," my mother said. She wanted to take it, but she couldn't catch it.

#9 I saw a horse dancing. When a man got on the horse, it kept on dancing.

#10 I saw a picture of me falling from a swing. When I tried again, I fell again and then I tried again and I got it.

#11 I saw two dogs playing "jump on the other dog." My sister got scared and she began to cry. The other dog bit the other's ear and then both of them went away barking.

#12 I pictured a rat having a baby. She made a hole and lived there for a long long time. She died before the babies grew up.

#13 I saw a bird and I was trying to catch it. I've been trying to catch a bird, but only my brother knows how.

#14 I saw a little pony. A boy loved the pony and took it to his farm. His father did not want to keep it, but his mother did. So they kept the pony on the farm.

#15 This morning I fell from my bed and I did not know it. My mother picked me up and put me back into bed.

#19 When we were playing dodgeball, the other team skipped the line. I was angry because they skipped. I left and played with Arthur until they blew the whistle.

#20 We won a game in dodgeball because someone dropped the ball. We started to yell after we won.

#22 When I was coming to school, I saw a man with a knife. The knife had blood. He killed someone and the police were chasing him. They caught him in a broken down house. The man almost killed a policeman. They took him to jail.

#24 I saw two men fighting. It was scary. One man started to run and then the other man ran after him. The police arrested both men.

#29 I remember when I was racing with my bike. I almost fell. My friend was winning. I went fast and was in back of him. Almost near the finish line I got real mad and went faster and I passed him and won the race.

#30 I remember when I was walking I saw a dog bleeding. He kept following me. I went to the store but he was there waiting for me. I kept on walking and then I took him home and named him Blackie.

#35 I thought about the time I went to Manhattan. We went to see my aunt and my brother. We were playing dodgeball and I burnt my brother right in the chest and he started to cry. And my mother hit me because I burned him.

#36 I was playing with my friend and I hit him and started crying. He told my mother that I hit him because he was scared of me. And my mother hit me hard.

#37 I remember when my dog ran away and had some babies. A robber found my dog and the puppies and killed them. I called the police but they didn't catch the robber. When we were sleeping he came to our house and my father caught him.

#39 One time, when I was sleeping at night I heard four shots. Some guy killed somebody.

#40 A boy was walking and he started to hit me. But I was not afraid of him. So I hit him hard and he started to cry. He came back with a big guy but he didn't hit me. I think he was scared.

#46 I remember when I saw a boy fight with a little boy and I broke the fight up. The big boy hit me and ran away.

#48 I was racing a boy and he passed me. But the boy fell and hurt himself. I picked him up and took him home.

#49 I was jogging with a girl. A dog tried to bite the girl and threw a log at him and he ran away.

#50 When I was in the bathroom, a boy started to hit me.. I hit him back and he started to cry.

#51 I remember seeing a baby bird. It was in the street and I picked it up. I saw a nest and it was the bird's home. I put it there.

#52 While I was sleeping I dreamed that there were monsters and we killed them.

#53 I remember when I saw a dog and started chasing me. I found a stick and was going to hit him and missed. I started to run and at last we passed a puppy and the dog stopped and forgot me. I was happy.

#57 I remembered when I was three, I thought the gangs were good. One day my aunt told me the gangs were bad and she took me to her home. When we walked outside I saw the gangs and they were bad.

#59 I went to my friend's house and he had a snake. He was going to sell it and I wanted to buy it. I had a dollar and he gave it to me. I put the snake in water and left it over night. When I got up and went to see it, the snake was dead.

#61 One time I had to stay home because my mother went to the store and I had my puppy and somebody was by the door and I was scared and my puppy was barking and it was my friend.

#63 When I was five my mother and father bought me a bike. I saw a kid riding a bike and he never fell. I was going to try it and I got scared. My father pushed me and I was going to fall, but I didn't, and I learned how to ride it.

#67 When I went to Manhattan to my aunt's house I stayed up till three in the morning. Somebody left the door open and I heard someone say that it was my uncle and he had a fight.

#68 One time at my aunt's house, my uncle got so mad he punched a window and he had to go to the hospital. He had a big cut.

#69 I remember one time at my uncle's house. This kid who knew karate, and didn't know I knew karate, started to hit me. I knocked out his teeth.

#71 Once I had a duck and somebody took it. I was crying. They bought me another one and I was happy.

#72 I remembered a time somebody tried to knock out our house and I saw someone running with my t.v. I threw something but missed and the police caught him.

#74 Some kids are saying the world is going to end and I don't like what they're saying. I don't want to see the world end.

#78 When the record was on I thought I was driving a car. I was in a race and I was winning. The other car hit me and I got mad and I smashed his car and I won.

#79 In Manhattan a dog was chasing me and I threw him a bone and he ate it.

#80 I remembered one time in Manhattan when two girls were following me and I got on the train.

#85 When I was looking out the window, I saw this kid put a cat on a dog.

#88 Once when I had a fight I was bleeding and I had to go to the doctor.

#89 My uncle had a fight with another man and my uncle took out a knife. My aunt held him so he wouldn't fight. O.k., O.K.?? When my aunt let him go he went home.

#90 While I was eating cereal this morning I was mad because I wanted a pet and my mother bought me a parrot.

#92 When I was outside this kid hits me with a whip and I punched him and he hit me with the whip again and I put the whip on fire and he ran.

#93 My uncle had a fight with my aunt and my aunt was going to put him straight.

#99 I remember when we were playing outside. We heard people screaming. It was a fight. I didn't pay attention. I stood playing.

#108 Once at the beach I was playing with my dog. My dog was going to have pups. When the pups came out they died.

#112 I thought Mr. Pflaum was a giant and he destroyed my house and I killed him.

#113 I wish I was an animal so I could eat everybody.

#114 I was playing dodgeball. It was a good game. I wish it would always be like that.

CHAPTER 19

#15 I was at a party. I never saw so many people. They had a big cake, beer and soda. It was a great party.

#16 Today I was playing dodgeball and I hit a girl with the ball. She fell on the floor and started crying. There was some kids there who helped her.

#17 When I woke up in the morning, I felt dizzy and I fell down. My mother picked me up and I fell down again.

#19 I had a fight with my brother in the morning. You should see how he fights-like a girl and he bites like a girl.

#20 When I heard the record, my body felt weak and made me tired and sleepy.

#21 I don't like the food at lunch. They have food I don't like. They gave cheese today. It's nasty and I don't like it.

#22 When I heard the music I felt tired. I like the record. It's nice and I wish I had one.

#25 Today I was dreaming that my mother died. The man was drunk. My mother was on sidewalk. The car ran into her. I was happy.

#31 Daniel always tells me to work in the G.O. store. I don't like to work in the G.O. You get only 3 candies. I want money. You have to work everyday in the G.O.

#32 Today when I was playing dodgeball, they hit me with a ball in my ear. My ear turned real red and I almost started to cry.

#34 Last night when I came home, I went downstairs for a little while. They told me that they're going to have a shoot out and one of my friends split a boy's head open with a bat.

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#36 I wish I didn't get homework because I'm tired of doing it.

#37 Today we went to gym and then we saw a movie. I didn't like it when we were talking about beating up 5-2 and 4-2 for nothing.

#38 I didn't do too much work today.

#39 Today the record made me sing and dance.

#40 Yesterday when we were going home, a man threw a rock inside our window and it almost hit my mother.

#41 In music the kids were singing the pledge. I was singing it too and he told me to write it on paper. I am not going to write it.

#42 Today I have a headache a real headache.

#43 Today I don't feel well. I'm tired and weak and sleepy. I want to go home.

#44 In library we saw a film about a boy who was not afraid of the sea.

#56 When the class went to lunch, I ran to the G.O. store. One of the principals took my electronic game. He told me he would give it back after lunch. I said, "You better."

#60 At lunch I was going to get Danny. I pushed Danny and Danny pushed me back. I'm going to get Danny at 3:00.

#61 When I was going to lunch, Danny in 6-E wrote me a letter. I got the letter and I broke it in pieces. Danny was crying and I didn't do anything to him.

#73 At lunch Mr. Goldring was calling out names. When he called out my name, he said: "You don't eat here anymore." So I left...

#75 We went outside for lunch today. Brenda got hurt because she kicked Raul. Raul caught the kick and threw her up in the air. Brenda got hurt in the jaw.

#76 Outside today I was thinking about playing football because I like it and to get a girlfriend.

#78 Mr. Goldring pulled me out at lunch today so I can't eat in school anymore.

#82 I thought I was a bird flying in the air.

#83 I thought I was a tree eating an apple.

#84 I felt like dancing in the air.

#85 I turned into a rock.

#86 I wished that summer came right now.

#87 I hope I pass the reading test.

#89 I hope my father gives me money everyday.

#92 I thought I passed the reading test and I went to 6th grade.

#93 I wish I was sick today.

#106 Today we listened to 5 records and I had fun in school.

#108 Today I am mad because I didn't eat lunch. I am angry.

#109 Today I am happy because I heard my two records.

#120 Today I had a water gun and I wet Crissy and Brenda. Brenda was so wet that she looked as if she was taking a bath in the street.

CHAPTER 20

#1 When I was counting, I thought of going back to Puerto Rico to see my friends again and have some fun at the beach and the park.

#2 When I was counting, I thought that I was at a party and I ate cake and ice cream and we played pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey.

#3 When I was counting, I was in Puerto Rico with my sister. We were playing in the park with all my friends. When my parents sent the return plane tickets to New York, my big sister Nancy started crying because she did not want to come back.

#4 When I was counting, I thought that I was rollerskating in the park with my sister and cousin. My cousin felt she did not know how to rollerskate.

#5 When I was counting, I thought that my goldfish died. When I came home it was true. My little brother killed it when he put his hand in the tank. He took one goldfish out and put it on the table and did not put him back in to the water so he died.

#8 While I was wondering, I saw a mother beat up her kid and that made me feel sad.

#10 I was wondering when I was in Buffalo about my uncles and aunts. I went to see my uncle that is in jail. My father took us rollerskating after...

#12 I was imagining that my sister was a movie star and had a beautiful white dress on. My whole family came to see her show. After the show, I gave her a flower.

#15 I went to the store with my sister's jacket. When she saw me, she said that she was going to hide it. After she came out of school, she was going to tell my father. But my mother's going to tell my father to tell my sister that the jacket does not fit her and to give it to me.

#17 This morning my father said we are going to the movies because he was going to put spray for the cockroaches.

#19 I felt sad because my aunt said to me that she will stay alive and when she came to Buffalo she got sick. At the hospital, the doctor said she only has a little time to live.

#20 When I came to school, Sandra and Diana and Omayra were playing tag and Sandra started running after me and I fell.

#21 At lunch, my mother said for me to give my sister a quarter and take a quarter for myself. I told her she only gave me 40¢ and she did not believe me.

#22 Yesterday my father gave me and my cousin and my sister $2.00. We went to eat pizza and soda. When we came home he asked us if we could give him a dollar and we told him that we spent it. He said, "You kids waste money on junk." Then we started to laugh.

#23 My father gave my sister 32 dollars and my cousin 50 dollars. He forgot about me and I asked him to give me 32 dollars and he said he already gave me money.

#25 My uncle called and said he was going to come to my house. He's coming from Buffalo. That's why I'm coming home fast from school.

#26 Today, when I came home for lunch, I went up the stairs and a cat came down the stairs real fast and I got scared and I started to scream and then I ran up the stairs real fast.

#27 My father asked me what I want for Christmas because he was going shopping with my mother. I told him a Sergio Valente and a chair with my name on it and he said forget it!

#29 Today at lunch me and Evette went to my house and we were going up the stairs and I stepped on a cat's foot and the cat screamed and it went running outside.

#31 Today my father told me after we came out of school we were going to the movies because he was going to put the bomb for the cockroaches because we got alot of them.

#32 We had a party for my sister. She was 14 years old and my father bought a big cake and we bought alot of sodas and candy and potato chips.

#33 Today is my father's birthday and we are going to surprise him with a party. We are going to give him alot of presents.

#34 At lunchtime I was playing jump rope and my aunt came with my sister so I could take her to class. My aunt had to go somewhere. I said "no" and she said "yes." She was going to give me my sister and I went running away. She got my sister and took her to class and I kept playing jump rope.

#35 I went to my house and a cat was coming down running and I was coming up with my friend. When my friend saw the cat, she started running downstairs and I started laughing.

#36 At gym today we played dodgeball and they hit me and I made-believe they didn't hit me with the ball.

#37 Today is my uncle's birthday. We are going to give him a surprise party in a club.

#39 I was thinking about Puerto Rico. I saw all my friends and we ate in my uncle's restaurant and we had lots of fun.

#43 My mother told me to see if there was any mail downstairs. I went with my sister and she started running downstairs. I told her that's not the way you walk down the stairs. When I showed her how to walk the stairs, as I went to take a step, I fell and she started laughing.

#44 My sister and I went rollerskating and we both fell at the same time and everybody began to laugh at us. Even my cousin started laughing at us. Then my sister and I knocked my cousin down.

#54 When I woke up today, I brushed my teeth, ate, and got dressed and went to church. In church, my teacher was sick so we had another teacher and she was very mean.

#56 My father gave me and my sister rules. He also gave rules to my big sister and my cousin because now my cousin lives with us because her father doesn't want her. He was going to put her in a home, but my father took her.

#58 I called my aunt today and I started talking loud and she said, "Who is it?" "It's me, Millie," I said. She told me that she was scared and I started laughing.

#59 My mother woke me up at 8:00 A.M. I got dressed and did everything I had to do and it was 8:25 A.M. and I was going to put my coat on and my sister started hitting me. I told my mother and she didn't do anything so they started hitting me again. I was going to give her 50¢ for a soda and then I told her "no" and she should go to school.

#61 After lunch I went outside and I did not see the ice. When I tried to take a step, I fell and everybody started laughing.

#62 I was thinking that I was in P.R. and that I was on the beach and a big wave came and I started swimming fast and I got up to the sand and my sister started laughing.

#64 Yesterday it was my brother's birthday and he was four. We had a party for him and he got alot of toys and then my father gave him a bike and he started riding it in the house.

#65 Today I woke up and everybody was sleeping. I looked at my brother's bike and I saw like a man on the bike and I got scared. I went to sleep and in the morning, I woke up and there was nobody on the bike.

#66 Today my father woke up at 6:00 A.M. and I woke up, too. I thought it was 7:00 A.M. and I got dressed and when I looked at the clock it was only 6:30 and I took off my clothes and went back to sleep.

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#68 Today I woke up at 10:00 A.M. and I was late for school so I went back to sleep and came for the afternoon.

#69 When I came home with Evette, we both started running to my house and when we got there, she wanted to come in because she was scared.

#71 My mother said that she was going to give me a dollar and all she gave me was a quarter.

#72 Yesterday I told my uncle that for my birthday I want a pair of sneakers and he told me when is my birthday and I told him March 9th and he went away...

#74 When I was looking out the window, I saw the snow come to me and I saw myself playing in the snow with all my friends.

#80 Yesterday I was alone and nobody was bothering me and I felt nice and nobody was calling my name.

#81 I had a pillow fight with my sister and I hit her alot of times and the pillow broke and all the feathers came out.

#82 Today my uncle came and gave me a dollar.

#87 I told Cynthia's siter that my cousin likes her and she started laughing.

#88 I ate 5 pieces of pizza yesterday and they started calling me "hog."

#91 When I heard the record Why Do Fools Fall In Love? I began to remember when my cousin fell in love with a boy I knew. I told him they were like two little fools falling in love.

#92 At 11:30 P.M. my father came home from work and gave all of us candies. I went to sleep with a piece of gum in my mouth and when I woke up, it was in my hair and I had to wash my hair in the morning.

#93 Yesterday there was a fire in my aunt's building and 2 persons died.

#94 After the test, I saw an aunt and took it on a piece of paper and then I put the ant on Sandra and she started saying "bad" words.

#95 Today I woke up and saw the light on. It was my father. He went to the bathroom and I took some money.

#96 I went to pick up Omayra and go to school. I went to her house and her hair was up. I started laughing when she went into her room.

#97 I was sick today. I took 2 hot baths and then I wasn't sick anymore.

#99 I was sleeping and I started dreaming that a man came to my house and killed my whole family. I was in the closet alone hiding and the man left and I started crying.

#101 My sister Nancy got a job for the summer and she said she was going to buy me a skirt for school and the church.

#102 I went to my uncle's house and I saw a mouse and I came right out of his house.

#107 I thought Mr. Pflaum was a clown and I was hitting him and he got mad and he punched me in the nose and I started crying.

#108 I was playing kickball with my sister and she kicked the ball and I caught it. I hit her with it and then she ran after me and threw me to the floor.

#111 I thought I was a hot dog and Mr. Pflaum put me on a piece of bread and ate me. Too bad I'm not a hot dog, Mr. Pflaum.

#112 I was eating pizza and when I came outside from the store, all the pizza fell on the ground.

#116 I thought Mr. Pflaum was real old and Alex came and sat on him and Mr. Pflaum died and all the kids killed Alex.

CHAPTER 21

#2 a light flashing
some numbers
a little bit of black
a bumble bee
I saw frankfurters with sausage.
hamburgers with ketchup
I saw myself.

#3 I saw a dog fighting with a cat.
I saw myself.
And an apple with a big hole and a worm coming out.
I saw a big head with a little body, big legs, little legs, one eye, a nose, a mouth with teeth hanging out.

#4 I saw a light flash at me.
I saw a frog jumping around.
I saw some balloons flying around.
The door was opening inside my mind.
I saw fish jumping up and down.
The wall was falling inside my mind.
The floor was moving around.
I saw a boat crash into a ship.
The school was melting.
My body was falling around.

#5 I saw a light flashing right to me.
A rocket throwing fire going up to the moon.
I saw some numbers.
I saw some termites.
I saw a flying car.
And a snake killing a rat
I saw myself.

#8 I watched a dragon with fire coming out of its mouth. It was coming to get me but I hit that dragon right through his teeth and it was so mad he blew fire at me. When the fire was gone all I could see was black.

#10 I saw the whole class boogying around. When I watched that I started boogying around. I slipped and cracked my head. As I got up, I didn't know where Earth was. Everything was so strange. I started shouting and then I started boogying.

#12 I saw an egg jumping so much that it landed on a rock. The egg cracked and a chick came out. He came out dizzy and with a bump on his head and cried, "That's incredible!"

#18 Angel, Arthur and Edwin were playing dodgeball when the teacher blew the whistle and all of us got on line. Three girls came to us, it had to be us, and said, "Why didn't you hit us?" We said, "Because..." They started to fight with us. One girl as she was swinging her arm, and was trying to hit Angel, hit Vicky who happened to get in the way. She gave Vicky two punches right in the mouth and the ear by mistake and we started laughing.

#19 I saw with my eyes open that we were playing dodgeball. I burned Arthur right in the stomach and he burned me right back. We burned each other so we started to crack up laughing. Then a kid threw the ball and hit a boy right in the eye that his head went back as if he were boxing. I began to crack up so much that I fell on the floor.

#25 I went outside and played Geronimo. A boy from 5-2 threw a ball and hit Arthur by mistake because he was last in the game. Arthur fell right in a puddle in the yeard and came out like a duck.

#28 I watched a football. I was staring at the ball spinning around in the air. Then like I was staring at the ball and it hit me right in the eye. I got a black eye.

#33 I saw alot of things. I saw my father wake me up in the morning. Then he woke my mother up. He looked back and saw me and said, "Let's play 'Trouble.'" He beat me and then said, "If you get a nice report card, I'll buy you a dirt bike for Christmas."

#39 I saw myself playing football and I scored a touchdown. I felt good and in the end my father scored a touchdown, too.

#56 I imagined my father putting up the Christmas tree. I am happy that Christmas is almost here. My mother, father, brother, sister, and me were happy!

#57 I saw that I was in a hot egg and somebody was boiling me. It was Mother Goose. She thought I was a rotten egg.

#59 I saw that my whole family went to the park and we began to play baseball. My father hit a home run and my mother hit a single.

#61 I imagined I was in a big egg. When I hatched, I was half bird and half Miguel Diaz.

#63 I imagined my father, mother, brother, sister and me going on a picnic. We went fishing and I felt like a pull on the line. When the fish took the hook, he pulled me into the water and my father had to fish me out of the lake.

#69 I saw that I went to the zoo and a lion opened his head and I looked in and he ate my head. When a tiger opened his mouth, the lion looked in and lost his head. Then the hippopotamus opened his mouth so wide that he ate himself...

#75 I imagined my father hitting a home run and everybody shouting hurray.

#78 I saw that I had my hat on and I had a dream about it. I thought the hat was going to turn into an elephant on my head and he would flatten me out.

#96 I imagined that I was on a picnic and a bear ate me and I opened his mouth and came out.

#99 I thought I was going to hit a home run and that I was the best.

#102 When I heard the music it made me laugh.

#105 I saw that I was on a team and I was going to hit a home run and the only thing I did was make out.

#106 When I was at home yesterday, I woke up so sleepy that I bumped my head on the wall and I fell back to sleep.

#110 I imagined that there was an egg. All of a sudden the egg jumped up and landed on the water. It hatched and nothing came out but Mr. Duck and Mr. Miguelito!

#114 Once I was a peanut and I kept on growing until I was a big nut. A squirrel came along and gobbled me up. I punched on his stomach until he opened his mouth.

#115 I was imagining that I was playing baseball and the ball hit me so hard that I didn't know what hit me. I saw all the stars!

#116 I imagined I was a coin. Somebody came and changed me into a penny and now they use for "a penny for your thought."

#117 I saw that when Jesus fell down in the yard it was not so funny. I felt sorry for him because it was dangerous. He could have broken his arm.

CHAPTER 22

#1 I feel like it is personal. I saw a picture of a man on a horse. It was a dream I had last night. I felt sleepy.

#5 I remembered that my sister Lissette got hit by a swing and she got 11 stitches.

#6 I felt like I was sleeping. I saw children at a party. I watched Mr. Pflaum teaching the children some work.

#7 I saw that I was at the beach with my friend and her mother. The girl went into the water and didn't know how to swim. She was drowning in the water and her mother had to go in and save her.

#13 I saw a house catching fire and I called the fire department. They watered down the house and then the ambulance came. Some people were still in the house and a lady caught fire. She was screaming and crying.

#22 I remembered that my brother got hit by a car and the ambulance came and he didn't want to go in. He came home the next day from the hospital and he could do anything because his leg wasn't broken.

#23 I remembered that Mr. Pflaum was my sister's teacher. He told my mother on open school night that Lissette writes very well.

#26 I was in gym and we were going to have relay races, but the children were talking and the teacher said we won't play. I was mad at him.

#27 I was dreaming about Mr. Pflaum. He was teaching a 6th grade class and my sister was in the class. He said to the class to play 7-Up and they played. He got mad at the children and said, "No more games for the class." He gave them work and then stared at the bad children.

#29 I remembered that when my sister made dinner for the family she burned the hamburgers and she used too much salt on the food.

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#32 I remember when I was at lunch, Marisol and I were eating. She was my friend and we going to play the poles after lunch. My sister came along, too. Marisol said, "Let's play," and my sister said, "No." Marisol told me that she's not my friend just because I was playing with my sister.

#33 This morning Marisol was not my friend and she was mad at me. At lunch I was with Evette playing the poles and now Marisol is my friend. I felt happy.

#35 I remember that Mr. J.P. Pflaum said that a teacher pushed a boy to the floor and I think he said the boy was crying. I felt sad.

#37 I was thinking about going to a Thanksgiving party. I ate cake and candy and soda. Later I had turkey. We had a good time and Mr. Pflaum was there, too. I told Mr. Pflaum that my mother said she likes him.

#38 I dreamed that I was a flower and the rain used to wet me. I wondered when I was dry the rain always comes...

#40 I was an egg and I never fell or broke. One day somebody came to the refrigerator and took me out and cooked me up and I never came back.

#43 I remembered when my sister got hit by a swing and she went to the office and they called my mother. When she came she saw my sister had blood all over. My mother took her to the hospital and she had to stay with my sister until she got 11 stitches.

#44 I was an elephant and everyone always laughed at me. I cried when everyone said I was fat and ugly. They would throw peanuts and eggs at me. The animals laughed at me, too. I cried again. I was never happy.

#46 I was a mirror and everybody looked at me and they comb their hair and brush their teeth in front of my.face.

#49 I went to the store to buy candy and I got scared when I saw somebody with a gun. I ran home and I was very frightened. When I woke up I didn't see anybody.

#52 It was in the morning and I was doing some work when I heard a song on the radio and I remembered that I have to do contemplation.

#55 When I was in the Bronx, I remembered a fight I got into with a boy's sister. My brother got into the fight and the boy's mother got into it and then my mother got into the fight. It was a big fight.

#57 I saw a puddle of water and I saw my relfection. I saw a tree beside me and I also saw Marisol next to me. I saw a cloud and water like it was raining.

#59 I was thinking about going to a party. I was the smallest girl there. The party was for big kids. They were drinking beer. I had soda and cake and I went home after. My sister said that I was dreaming all that time. I thought about it and it wasn't real.

#60 I was on the beach and I saw something. It didn't look like a star and yet it was a star in the water. I saw a little house and went inside and the three bears were there. It sounds like a story I heard.

#61 I was thinking about my sister having a baby. She was born on January 25, 1982. My mother went to see her at 2:14 A.M.

#63 I was in class and I saw stars going all around me and the children of the class. The kids started flying around the room and everybody was singing "Happy Birthday" to Angel.

#64 I was a Queen and I made verybody do work. I didn't let anybody eat food. I was eating and the King, too.

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#66 It seemed like I was in the supermarket and I was buying food for my pet dog. All of asudden, I heard music and I started to dance all over the place.

#68 I was in my house and then I went outside. I saw the beach and went into the water.

#69 It seemed like I was at the beach and I was dancing in the water like a fish. Mr. Pflaum was dancing in the sky Marisol was dancing in the sand.

#70 I was in my house and I heard somebody call for help in the pot. It was a meatball and the meatball told me to get him out and I did. He gave me three wishes for saving him. I wished I could do better work in class and to be good and never talk back to the teacher. The meatball told me his name was Jesus. I told him I know a boy in my class named Jesus and he said, "You must be ________." I said "yes" and I asked him if he was in my class and he said "yes." I told my sister and she told Jesus' brother. Jesus said, "Please don't eat me," and I said, "Why?" "Because I want to live," the meatball said. I told him I'm hungry and I ate him and now no more Jesus.

#71 I was in the lunchroom and the teacher didn't let me eat. Another teacher told him to let me eat, but he said "no."

#76 I thought that I died and went to heaven. I was one of the angels from God. When the music stopped, I thought about something else. I thought that I was an angel helping people.

#78 I was thinking about a vacation in P.R. I saw a picture in my mind that I was on the beach and I went in the water. I saw a little house and I went inside and I got scared. I ran outside and started to cry. I said that I am looking for my family and I went to San Juan. My whole family was there my aunt, my uncle, my grandmother, my cousins and friends. My grandmother asked where my mother was and I said I ran away from home. She started to cry and she got a ticket to go back home. I took the plane but I forgot where I lived and I never returned.

#82 I thought I was rich and I made people do work for me. I hit them if they didn't do what they were supposed to. I will hit them if they don't do their work.

#86 I was in my house and my brother asked me about contemplation. I told him that you listen to a record and put your head down on the desk and write what you think about.

#88 I thought I was on a hungry and looked like a stick. I had never eaten before and when I was a baby, Mr. Pflaum gave me food and I stayed alive.

#89 I was listening to the radio and I thought about contemplation and I got my pencil and paper to write something down.

#90 I was washing my hair. I put soap on it and my hair looked like a mop.

#91 I remembered that my mother had a nervous breakdown and I still remember it now.

#92 I was thinking about how God made the world the sun the wind and all of things on Earth how he could make people and how he could make them alive again.

#93 I thought I got very sick and went to the hospital. I died my life ended and I thought I came back again.

#96 I saw a little boy on the beach. He came over to me and said,"Hello, my name is Jesus." I said, "I know a boy named Jesus in my class." "Oh," he said. "Are you from class 5-1?" he said. "Yes," I answered. He told me he hasn't seen me for a long time. He was big and I was big. I saw his brother Jeffrey, too. I said "hello" and I left.

#106 I thought everyone was a singer because I looked at everyone and they were all singing during contemplation.

#107 I was in a haunted house and I went to open the door because somebody knocked. This man said to me, "Are you my wife?" and I said, "No." I went to the room and I closed the door and I saw that the man was a ghost. He came right through the door and I got scared and started to cry. I went to the kitchen and told him to leave me alone...

#108 I thought I was a book and everyone loved to read me. One day I fell off the table and the dog ate me up.

#110 I thought that I was a monkey and Mr. Pflaum went to see me in the zoo. When he came I died because he smelled like a monkey, too. A monkey kissed me and I came back to life.

#115 I thought Mr. Pflaum was an egg and I was a pan. Every time they put Mr. Pflaum into the pan, he falls out of the pan.

#117 I thought that I was Rocky because every time he talks he makes a fist.

CHAPTER 23

#1 I pictured a farm with a garden and cows and horses and a baby pig running all around. I saw the farmer giving food to the pig and watering the plants. He took a vegetable from the garden and ate it. It was a baby tomato.

#2 I saw baby pigs drinking milk from the mother pig and little baby chicks running all around. There was a baby horse and baby puppy and a sheep dog with its babies. I love every single animal.

#4 I pictured when I had a little dog. It was little and cute so I gave it milk and I gave him my doll clothes. He wanted a girl for a friend so I found one for him. My mother made me give the dog up because a man wanted him. I had to give it to him. I loved him.

#10 I pictured when I was in gym. I was doing alot of exercises like sit-ups, jumping jacks, push-ups and running. I raced a girl and I beat her. She started getting jealous and she said, "You just happy because you won the race." "So," I said and we almost had a fight. "I don't want to fight," I said. "O.K.," she said and we both left.

#11 I was on a farm and I found an egg. I named it the meow chick. I took the egg and a chick came out and I put on some music and I held its hand and I started dancing with it and singing, too.

#12 I wish I could fly just like a bird. I wish I were Wonder Woman and help people. But I'm glad I'm myself. I wish I had flowers all around me.

#14 I felt like flying because I got so happy when I heard that song. It reminds me of many things that happened to me that were good.

#16 I felt like flying when I heard the song. I liked the song. It made me happy. It looked like I was on the planet Pluto. Ifelt like a chicken, too.

#20 I felt I was floating like a balloon and I remembered when I was in the gym. I enjoy the gym because we had alot of exercises and races.

#22 I remember when it was winter. I took a snowball and threw it at Sandra because she was bothering me. We started fighting. We were only playing. It felt good because I was 8 years old that day.

#28 When I heard the song it almost made me cry because it reminded me of the good times when I went to the beach and I had real fun.

#29 I was thinking that I was floating in the air with a lollipop in my mouth. I was singing Just Be My Lady.

#30 I was picturing a little baby chick that was yellow and furry and beautiful. It was eating bread crumbs and the mother hen came and took the baby chick and went inside.

#31 I really hate Sandra and mice and mice and roaches because Sandra bothers me too much and mice make holes in the wall and roaches climb up your bed.

#35 I was a little baby crying for my milk and Sandra was my mother. She took me everywhere and grew up to be a beautiful woman.

#36 I imagined that I was swimming and a shark came after me. He opened his mouth and I threw a firecracker inside it and the shark blew up.

#37 I thought I was in a race and I won. They gave me a medal and I was proud of myself for winning the race. My mother gave me a big kiss and I went out to dinner in a fancy restaurant.

#38 I saw myself on a big mountain and I fell. But I felt that I was floating in the air and it was Superman and he said to me: "Next time get a parachute!"

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#39 I was thinking that I went on a trip to Puerto Rico. There were children dressed like cowboys and Indians. At night all my friends came to the window of my room and they started making monster noises. I got scared and went outside and saw my friends.

#40 I thought I was ice-skating and I fell down and they took me to the hospital. I was crying because the doctor said that I cannot ice-skate since my leg was in bad shape.

#41 I imagined being a horse. I raced with another horse and lost. I felt unhappy and started to cry because I lost the race.

#42 I was in the gym and they said that 5-2 won the game. I got mad because our boys played for 5-2 and I began screaming at the boys.

#43 I imagined that I was swimming and I was drowning. A boy saved my life! He was a hero and they gave him a trophy. He was happy and I was proud of him.

#47 I was thinking that I was rollerskating and they had blinking lights that made me fall on the floor because I thought the floor was moving. I had a black and blue mark on my knee and I felt dizzy and I had a bad headache.

#49 I thought I was a rocket ship and I carried alot of people. They were real fat and I couldn't carry them anymore. I made it to the moon but those people couldn't even move to get out of the ship.

#50 I imagined I was listening to music and I heard a boy crying for help on the radio. I went to the radio station and I found out where the little boy was. I saved his life and they gave me a medal and they put me and the boy in the newspaper.

#51 I thought I was flying in a beautiful bed. I woke up and fell and broke my knee and I had blood on me.

#52 I was a cat and I always chase mice, but I don't eat them. One day I started chasing a rat and the rat got mad and started chasing me.

#56 I was a bird and I always chased a lady because she always threw rocks at me. One day she threw an egg at me and I got so mad that I started taking off her wig and she had no hair. She left me alone after that.

#57 I was a magic woman and I put a little baby rabbit in a locker and I said, "Merry Christmas" and the rabbit disappeared and everybody started clapping.

#58 I imagined I was a rabbit and I ran real fast and jumped very high. Once I got sick and I began going real fast and I broke my neck.

#61 I was running through the woods and I saw a big fire. There was a house burning. A baby was crying and I went through the fire and took the baby as the house exploded. They gave me a medal and I was in the newspaper with the baby in my hand.

#62 I was flying in the air and Sandra was real real fat and I bounced in her stomach and I fell and broke my knee.

#65 I was thinking that Jesus from heaven came down to Earth. I was sick and Jesus prayed and I got well. I said thank you and we went to the river and Jesus walked on the water. I couldn't do it so he held my hand and I walked through the water.

#66 I imagined being a millionaire and people were asking me for money. I give them money and brought them houses and they said I'm nice.

#68 I remember when we were in the lunchroom me and Omayra started talking and Omayra with her big mouth told somebody that I'm not their friend. Omayra's my best friend but she's got a big mouth.

#69 When I was listening to the music, I felt something hitting me and it was the desk. I got so scared that I started hitting the desk and then I punched it.

#71 I was thinking that I was swimming and a crab was on my toe and it started climbing. While I was swimming the crab cut me and I took the crab and threw it in the sand.

#72 I thought I was in a train with Jesus, Angie and Sandra and Omayra. We all had alot of pies. I threw alot at Jesus and he looked like a clown and he got mad and threw one at me and I threw one at Angie and to Sandra and to Omayra.

#75 I was thinking about when Brenda fell. That really hurts and I felt sorry for her. She really is a nice girl. I like Brenda for a friend.

#76 I thought about the future and how it's going to be when I grow up. Right now I'm thinking that I'm a lady already.

#79 I was driving a car and I crashed and broke my head. I was o.k. but I said to myself that I'm not going to drive fast anymore.

#80 I was imagining that I was a flower and a boy took me and gave me to a girl. She put me in water and she always kept me watered so I could wash myself. One day my roots were coming out and I grew bigger and bigger and bigger. I turned into an apple tree and I had lots of beautiful apples. The girl took one apple and she said, "I remember when she was a little flower."

#81 I thought I was big and had my own house and I had a dog and a car and nobody bothered me and I had peace and quiet.

#82 I would like to be a clown so I could make people joke and laugh with other people.

#85 I think my future is going to be sad and I'm going to be poor like some people. Anyway maybe I won't have a future some day I'm going to die.

#86 I would like to be a butterfly with lots of colors and beautiful wings to fly with. One of these days I'm going to catch a butterfly and feel how it would be if I was a butterfly.

#88 I wish I were a giant so I could have anything in the world. I wish I had a horse and a farm so I could play alone with the chicks and the rabbits.

#89 I had fun at Easter only in church because we were reading the Bible and learning things about the Lord and Jesus. I love to go to church.

#91 I was thinking that I was in a boat and I saw Angie the pest. She's always bothering me. I was drinking soda and she came and pushed me and the soda fell. I took Angie by the hair and punched her.

#94 I thought I was in the park chasing Sandra. She's a pest always telling the teacher that I'm always bothering her and she bothers me too much.

#95 I imagined being a teacher and I would play with the children. I would like to be a kindergarten teacher when I grow up.

#97 I thought that this class was a desert because I'm so thirsty I can't hold out anymore.

#100 I imagined that I was a dog. I was smart and I always went to the store to get other dogs cookies with a dollar in my mouth.

#103 I thought I was in heaven and I saw God. He told me I have to take a test and the test was to go to Earth and help the poor people. I was an angel with wings. I helped all the poor people.

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#105 I was imagining how it feels to get power from something. I knew that knowledge helps you get power so I told everybody in the world and they were happy that I said so.

#109 I was thinking how life is now because I always see my mother doing things and I always imagine that I'm my mother and I feel how life will be when you are a lady.

#110 I thought about when my birthday comes the years are always passing by and I never get to do nothing but this time I am and I want to share my birthday with my class.

#113 I was thinking about the song I'm All Out Of Love. I became sad because it made me think about something sad that happened to me and I felt like crying.

#114 I imagined I was in a theatree and there was alot of stars singing all those songs. When I opened my eyes I was only contemplating and I felt like a stupid fool.

#117 I imagined that I was a cow and I always said "mo-o-o-o." That meant move and I said "mo-o-o-o-o" to the farmer and he thought that I was going to give milk and I said "mo-o-o-o-o-o-o" and I kept on saying "mo-o-o-o" and he gave me a kick you know where--
I'm only kidding. If the farmer could have hit me, I would have mo-o-o-o-o-ed" him.

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CHAPTER 24

#30 I felt happy when I came on the first day of school.

#31 My house is wonderful because it's fresh like a bed.

#33 I wish I were a bird so I could fly in the sky and go in people's houses and go into nests and lay eggs.

#34 When I saw a pig, I almost got sick because of all the things they did to him. They cut his head open and blood came popping out.

#35 Today we went to gym and played dodgeball. We went to lunch and played handball outside.

#36 I wish I were a T.V. so I could watch people turn me on and off and make my color brighter change my channels.

#37 We were working in school and at 10:15 we go to gym. But the teacher got sick and we had to go downstairs to the auditorium and we were angry.

#38 Today we went to the book fair and downstairs to see a movie. We went to music with Mr. Goldring.

#39 The song we heard made me almost sleep and dream about something special...

#40 Today we went to the yeard and again we did not go to the gym-just see a movie.

#41 It was raining today so we could not go outdoors. There was no G.O. store, too, because Mrs. Olmo was not here.

#43 Yesterday it was snowing outside. Today, when we were in school, we went to gym and we lost two games in a row. We ate lunch and I went to the G.O. store and helped with the candies.

#44 We went to the library. They picked some kids to go to the back and listen to a story. When the story ended we saw a movie. We saw The Boy Who Was Afraid Of The Sea.

#45 Today it is Christmas and I got a walkie talkie and a game.

#46 Christmas was fun but the days are going fast and it hasn't snowed that much.

#47 After Christmas day I went to see two movies: Raiders Of The Lost Ark and Popeye The Sailor.

#48 I went to my aunt's house and saw Superman on my aunt's H.B.O.

#49 On Monday my mother went shopping and bought me a pair of sneakers.

#51 On Wednesday I was watching What's Happening? on T.V.

#52 I went rollerskating today and then I went to the movies and then I ate.

#54 Today I was watching alot of cartoons. I was watching Black Star and alot of others.

#56 Today we were playing with some Mattel electronics games like football, baseball and hockey.

#57 In gym we played soccer and we also went outside. In the afternoon we are going to see a movie and get free time. I am going to bring in a football game.

#58 In gym we were playing against 5-2 and 6-1 and beat them. We tried to go outdoors but it was raining.

#66 Today we went to music and we were singing You Got to Face It.

#63 The ice has melted in the schoolyard and now we can play outside again.

#67 In music we listened to Why Do Fools Fall In Love? Arthur was dancing during the record. He was dancing funny.

#71 We went to gym and played volley ball. We lost and then we had a fight and that's why we aren't going to gym.

#74 It was snowing today and Mr. Pflaum let us go to the window and look at the snow while he put records on.

#75 We played volley ball in gym and we lost the game. But we won yesterday 11-3. We were playing 5-2 and today we played 6-1 and 5-2 together and we won.

#76 We best 6-1 today by a score of 12-10, but we didn't beat 5-2, it was a draw.

#77 I was thinking of when my birthday comes. Some people will give me punches in the arm. It's going to hurt but I'm not going to cry.

#80 We went outdoors and played punchball. We were warming up for the game against 5-2.

#81 In music today we were singing Believe It Or Not. We played 7-Up. I was up my first time. We had ice cream for lunch.

#82 In music we had alot of fun singing three songs. Then we went outdoors.

#97 Today we went to the library and we had fun reading The Lollipop Dragon. We went to lunch and then we came outside to play.

#98 We played dodgeball in the schoolyard. They burned and I flew like Superman.

#101 Today we did New York New York in music.

#104 Today we went to gym and then we went to lunch.

#107 I thought I was a lady bug so I could fly in the air and
eat free
live free
stay free.

#110 I thought I was a dime with an ugly face.

#111 I was thinking that I was a water gun so I could shoot at the people who open their mouths when they sneeze... ha. ha. ha...

#114 I wish I was a dog so I could bite people's heads.

#115 I thought I was a monster knocking down everyone's houses and then I stepped on a bug and it didn't die. I said to myself, "That was funny that the bug didn't die?"

CHAPTER 25

#1 I was in my house and my mother made something to eat that I like. I ate it and threw up and then I fell asleep. My sister carried me down the stairs and I threw up on her. I went to the doctor and he gave me something and I felt better.

#14 I saw myself when I was 8 eyars old. Me and my brother were in my house with my mother and three sisters. My mother said to go with her to buy film and I said yes. When I came home I got happy and so did my brother who died. "Let's sing Happy Birthday!" they all shouted. We were singing Happy Birthday for a long time. I will always remember my brother singing along with everyone.

#15 I was in a school for kids who are crazy. The first time I went to class, the teacher was hitting them. She asked me, "Who are you?" I told her and sat down. The girls and boys asked me if I was crazy and I said "no." They told me they were. I went to another school.

#24 I remembered when my brother died. I went to see him and I started to cry out loud. I was angry. I gave him a kiss and then the last day my sister took a picture of me kissing him. I still love him.

#59 I remember last night when my sister said, "After you eat a doughnut, you're going to bed." I didn't hear her so I went to my mother and she told me, "You're going to sleep with Sonia tonight." I told her that Sonia doesn't go to the room. "You're going to sleep in Sonia's room. You're not going to sleep with me." "No," I told my mother. My sister told me when I finish my doughnut that I should go to sleep in Sonia's room.

#61 I felt very tired and I felt nervous. I don't know why, but I do feel nervous.

#63 I thought about Christmas. I was happy and felt joy and I was very proud.

#64 I am happy in one way and sad in another way. Sad because my brother died and happy because it's his birthday today!

#65 I was thinking about my brother. I wish he was alive because I miss him and I love him.

#81 I felt relaxed and happy and nice.

#84 I felt sleepy tired and miserable.

#85 I was happy and sad. Sad because I was thinking bad thoughts and happy because I was getting a present for my mother for her birthday.

#86 I was mad because my nephew was crying like a baby.

#88 I was scared and didn't want to eat.

#89 It's my mother's birthday and she is very happy. She is sad because she misses my brother.

#90 I felt sick and angry.

#91 I felt sleepy tired and miserable but I was happy.

#95 I felt "in-between" because I don't know if I passed the Reading test or not and I feel scared.

#96 I felt sad because my brother is not alive.

#97 I felt happy because I enjoyed the records.

#98 I felt sleepy because my eyes felt tired.

#99 I felt "full" because I ate lunch and just finished drinking water and my stomach hurts me.

#100 I felt bad because this morning I came late to school.

#101 I felt happy because I saw my mother at lunch time. She saw me and we both got happy.

#102 I thought about my brother and it was strange when he died.

#103 I felt so full that my stomach hurt me. I ate doughnuts, soda and potato chips.

#104 I thought about dance practice. I was happy because I was really trying and kept on trying until I did it right. I am still going to practice.

#105 I felt tired. But if we go outside I don't thing that I'll feel tired anymore.

#106 I felt happy because I liked the records.

#107 I felt happy because I'm going to the school carnival. Hopefully I'm still around.

#108 I felt happy because Mr. Pflaum was absent yesterday. It was a miracle.

#109 I felt happy because the Carnival is coming and I want to have myself a really good time and that's hoping nobody comes and messes it up.

#110 I felt like crying because my sisters were arguing over a dumb thing and today they are not talking to each other and they both tell everyone what happened.

#111 I had a wonderful time at the carnival because when I was going to leave I won a prize. It was a lucky day for me!

#112 I felt happy because I ate and I'm so happy I ate alot.

#113 I am glad it's a half-day because I feel upset and I don't like to suffer in school. In my house I'm very comfortable.

#114 I like to laugh and Mr. Pflaum says jokes that are funny I laugh.

CHAPTER 26

#1 My mind was picturing the numbers. I was counting and thinking about the numbers. I got some feelings I never felt before...

#2 I pictured me on an apple tree eating all the apples from the tree.

#11 I saw myself in my room reading a book. It was a long story in a big book.

#15 I pictured myself on a stage singing a song. I saw lots of people with happy faces and I was singing a long song.

#18 I was feeling something I never felt before. I thought I was home resting and listening to records.

#19 When I woke up, I didn't want to get out of bed. I felt so tired, but I got up because I had to come to school.

#20 In gym I thought we were going to lose, but our class beat 5-2. I was nervous when it was my turn to play.

#21 When I went outside, I played with the girls from 5-2. The other girls didn't know how to run fast and I run fast and I won.

#22 I read a story. I remembered this story because I liked it so much. I remember all the good stories I read.

#32 This morning I was playing jump rope with the girls. Jane and I were left. She was tired and didn't want to play and I won becuase she gave up.

#33 I was thinking "what is life going to be like when I grow up?" What is my future going to be? I wish something nice happens...

#37 They had my favorite food for lunch-ice cream and chicken. I ate it all and was having alot of fun.

#38 Last night I was scared because I dreamed that I was lost in the woods and no one found me. I died in the woods and when I woke up in the morning, I felt scared because I thought it was going to come true.

#61 Today me my brother and my friends are going rollerskating. I can't wait to go tonight. I have so much fun when I go skating. I'm so happy today.

#66 Today I thought it was Sunday and I didn't want to get up. My mother came to my room and woke me up.

#67 This morning I was hungry. I went downstairs to eat something that tasted liked chicken but I was not that hungry.

#68 Today when I came to the lunchroom, I wanted to stay in class. Lunch was boring. I was so bored I didn't know what to do. Today in lunch it was boring.

#70 I was mad in gym today because when we had 10 points, they said we had only 5. We didn't like that and when 5-2 had 3 points, the teacher said they had 9. I didn't like that and my class didn't either.

#72 Today it was fun in gym. We won once and 5-2 won once. So it was tied. I liked the game because it was fun and funny.

#73 In the morning, my friend said to go skating with her. But my mother said "no" and I'm not going skating tonight.

#78 When they take my picture today I hope I come out nice because my family is going to see it. My grandmother and grandfather are going to see the picture. Oh God, let me come out nice in my picture. I'm going to give some to my friends. I wish I come out nice.

#80 Today I was so sleepy that I didn't want to get out of bed. I thought it was Sunday. It was 8:00 A.M. and my mother came and woke me up.

#81 I felt so good because I'm not going to school. I could rest and go outside and study tonight. Later I'm going to my friend's house to play and do some of my homework. It so good to be without school to rest and have fun.

#82 Today I'm going to the park with my friend. I'm going to take my rollerskates. We're going to have fun.

#83 I might go to my aunt's house. She always has something for me. I can't wait to go there.

#85 Today my mother is going shopping and I am going with her because the ice cream truck will be around. I love ice cream. That is my favorite thing to eat! And when my mother shops, she let's me take what I like best!

#86 The ice cream truck passed by my block and I bought 3 ice creams and I ate all of them. I had fun eating the ice cream.

#87 I'm going to Manhattan to my cousin's house. I am going to play in Central Park because my mother told me that she's taking me there.

#89 Today we went to the park in the school and I played handball and beat my brother. He got mad and he wanted to play some more. We did and he won once and then we played some more and I won two more times and he won once so I won.

#94 I took the reading test. I wish I could pass it. I don't know if I'm going to make it. I hope I do because I'm in New York City just three years. I am not too good at reading so I hope I pass the test.

#97 I went to buy a sandwich today in the store. I was the first one there and a woman came in and some other people and the man left me for last. I hate him.

#99 I went outside to play after lunch. There was a fight and lots of people went to see it. The fight stopped but another one started and everyone went to see it. At last we began to play, but Lucy and Alfredo had a fight and everyone went to see it. The fight stopped and we had to go on line. We didn't get a chance to play. They also said a teacher had a fight.

#100 I can't wait to buy my clothes for P.R. My mother is buying clothes and I can't wait to see what I'm going to pick. I can't wait for Saturday to go shopping.

#101 Today I was playing outside and I had to stop because I couldn't run anymore. I started running again and I got mad because I had to stop again!

#102 I was waiting for my mother to come home at lunchtime. She said that she was coming but I never saw her outside the house. She wasn't even there.

#103 I went to my house for lunch and no one was there. I got so mad.

#104 Today I am happy because I won the kick ball game. We had Big Peter and he kicks far and makes the game fun. We only had 6 people and the other team had 13.

#105 I was playing jump rope and I didn't lose except for the last time but I still won the game.

#109 I thought it was going to rain and I got so mad. When I came outside I saw it wasn't raining and I felt better. When I came to school, Mr. Pflaum said that we would go outdoors and I got real happy.

#112 I can't wait to go to P.R. on the 26th of June. I'm going to see my whole family whom I have not seen for 3 years. If only the days were minutes...

#117 I wish I were a bird so I could go to many places. I'm tired of looking at the same blocks everyday...

CHAPTER 27

#3 I saw myself as if there was a mirror and I saw myself in the mirror counting the numbers in my mind.

#4 I saw myself in the mirror, but this time I saw my self, my brain and my third eye in my mind in the mirror.

#5 I saw in my mind that there was a machine in my head making noises as if you were washing clothes.

#8 I saw in my mind that I was dead and went to heaven. What I saw was very nice. There was a very large building and animals.

#11 I saw a car pass in my mind. It ran over me and I was still alive and would you imagine, I was still alive.

#12 I imagined I was sleeping in my bed and the bed had wings. It started flying in the air and then I woke up and said, "What in the world am I doing here?" And then the people stood looking at me....

#13 I was sleeping in my bed and I dreamed that there were two snakes and they were all over me and I was scared.

#17 This morning when I tried to wake up, I couldn't open up my eyes. I wet my eyes and then my eyes hurt and I still got it and it hurts.

#26 I saw in my mind that I was sleeping and a big mouse bit me and they had to take me to the hospital.

#27 I saw in my mind that I was playing in a yard and a big dog bit me and I started crying. They had to take me to the hospital.

#28 There was a mother bear, a father bear, and a baby bear. The mother and father were reading a book of loving and caring to the baby bear.

#29 I was sleeping in my bed and I dreamed about a mouse and a dog. They were friends except fot a cat that was bad to the mouse. The dog used to bite the cat because he loved the mouse.

#30 I imagined a beautiful rabbit playing in a beautiful garden. The rabbit played with its friend and when they saw me they ran away.

#33 I was riding in a car with my father. He was telling me something and I didn't hear him because I fell asleep.

#34 I was sleeping in my bed and there was a fire in my house. I screamed, "Help! Someone! Help me!" And when I woke up my mother and father and sister were sitting around me.

#35 I saw in my mind that a car hit me and I screamed.

#38 I saw in my mind that I had a pink heart and it had a tiger inside.

#43 I saw that I was in gym. I was standing and the ball hit me right in the face. I had the mark of the ball in my face and it hurt alot. They took me to the office and called my mother.

#55 I was thinking about playing 7-Up. They picked me and I stood up for a long time. The kids got mad at me!

#59 The song reminded of the movie I saw at 4:30 P.M. called The Land Of The Lost. A bunch of people got lost and went to an unknown land.

#62 I was thinking that I was in a store and a ghost said something to me. I can only remember that he said, "Kill me."

#63 I saw in my mind that I was taking a bath and I stood in the tub for a little while and then something pushed me down in the water.

#64 When I came in today I was afraid that a dog was outside and it was going to bite me. That's why I was late because the dog was in back of me.

#69 When I was hearing the song, it reminded me of my father when he almost died. I was going to cry because I cannot hear sad songs because I am going to start crying. But my father is still alive. I am glad because I love him.

#70 When I was listening to the song, I thought there was a lion that bit me.

#72 I saw that girl who had the fight with Evette. That girl was looking for it. That is why Evette hit that girl and punched her in the nose. That is why she got Lucy and some of the girls from her class to get after Evette. I love Evette because she is my best friend and she loves me, too.

#74 The snow looked like cotten and it seemed like Christmas, too. And the flowers that are white and everything else that is white makes you think it's Christmas.

#75 I was thinking that I was a baby again and that all the kids were babies, too.

#78 I imagined being with alot of kids playing baseball. I was mad because the boys that were playing won the game and I thought they were cheating.

#80 I was thinking about the fight I had with Marisol. I was mad and I gave her a sock in the face and she was crying because it hurt her.

#82 I went with Marisol and my sister to church and Marisol was singing with me.

#85 I thought I was in my house. I was in my room thinking that the world was not going to end.

#87 In church they asked me to sing a song and I was scared but I did it.

#91 You are apple crazy and you cannot think about nothing in this world just about yourself and nobody and that goes for someone in this class.

#92 I was thinking about my aunt who died. God spoke to her and said, "Do you want to live again?" She said, "Yes." So God told her to say, "1-2-3" and she was alive.

#95 I imagined that I was sick forever and I died.

#96 I remembered when I was born, I was talking at the age of 1 and walking, too.

#97 I was thinking that I was a girl that did not like to talk in class.

#99 I thought I was in my house and my mother was not there. I got mad and hit the floor and I made a hole.

#102 I was thinking that Marisol and Cynthia were my sisters and we had our own room. Marisol was so little she used to fall from her bed. She would come to my bed and sleep with me.

#104 I thought that Marisol was my mother and Cynthia, Crissy, Michelle, Monserrate and Angie were my sisters.

#105 I thought I was a muppet and they used me to play with children.

#106 I was a muppet and there was a mother muppet. She kissed me and she became my best friend. Marisol and me were best friends forever and ever.

#107 I was thinking about the year 1981. It was the best for me and when it became 1982, the days got ugly.

#108 I thought I made a party for Marisol because she was my best friend. And she made a party for me and we were happy.

#111 I imagined I was Marisol's sister.

#113 I imagined being a doll with long hair. One day another doll named Marisol came by and she was nice. She had longer hair than me.

#114 I was thinking that I was a cat and Marisol was a mouse and I ate her and said, "That was good! Meow meow meow."

CHAPTER 28

#2 Children playing in a garden.
Trees growing apples.
A puppy with a little kitten.
A little bulldog talking to the children.
A cat chasing a dog.
A 1 month old baby saying, "Mommy, my eyes hurt."

#4 Fruits.
A baby playing basketball.
People getting crazy breaking things.
A dog robbing things from a store.
A teacher barking.

#5 Lots of black and white puppies.
Babies crying.

#6 Pictures of my family together.
1,000 people in s mall room fighting.
I saw a girl writing with her fingers.

#7 I felt great because the music was slow.
I saw lots of strong men fighting.
I saw women fighting like men.
I saw a women driving a bus.

#8 I was wondering which is the last number in the world.
I saw a girl beating up a boy and two men at the same time.
I saw a baby beating up 300,000 men and maybe more,too.

#10 I saw people throwing bombs.
I saw a lady giving 1000s of dollars to men.
I saw a new born baby saying, "Mommy, I want to play basketball."

#11 I saw lots of posters.
I saw a ball teaching the letters of the alphabet how to dance.
I saw a baby hitting her mother with a belt.
I saw a baby putting pampers on her mother

#12 I saw a bear kicking a tiger.
I saw a baby trying to jump a cat.
I saw a desk play hockey with a chair.

#15 I saw hundreds and thousands of books and money falling from the sky.

#16 After we finished eating lunch, we went outside to the schoolyard to play. I ran for the poles. I got to the poles and a girl got mad with me. She told me she was going to take them. I took her and threw her to the ground. I stepped on her nose and it got red. She did not pick on me anymore.

#17 Today I felt we were going on a trip to space. While the records were on I went to space and stood there for a while and then I came back.

#20 Today I woke up at 7:30 and I got dressed and ate some breakfast and went to school happy and I did my work happy, too.

#29 When I heard the records like Just Be My Lady I felt like crying because it reminds me when my grandfather died.

#31 We went to gym today. I put on my short pants. There was a firedrill while we were playing. So I had to put on my pants on top of my shorts and when I looked at myself I looked like a clown.

#39 I thought that I was on a real nice journey and I fell down and broke all my bones.

#43 On Sunday, I woke up and I got dressed and I went bowling with my friends. When I got there, we bowled a few games. When it was my turn, my finger got stuck in the ball and I fell down. I took another ball but it was too big. It went the wrong way. Boy, what a tough day!

#74 Today I went to school and we did our work in the morning. After lunch we came back to the room and the teacher sent us to the window to look out at the snow. It was fun to watch the snow outside.

#76 Today I was mad because there was a man in the neighborhood who had a knife and he could have killed or hurt somebody.

#78 Music today was not so much fun because 5-2 was talking and the teacher said that 5-1 is talking. He made us stand up and then he told 5-2 to stand up.

#79 I thought I was on top of a plane and I fell off and when I landed I did not get hurt.

#82 It was a terrible day because my mother said I can't go to the park. I had to do some homework. That's why it was a bad and terrible day!

#83 I went bowling today with my sister's friends. I had the lowest score from everybody.

#86 When I woke up today I felt like I had a stomach ache. I ate breakfast and I still had my stomach ache. My parents took me to the hospital.

#88 I was mad because my little sister broke my ribbons and I had to go to the store and buy new ones. But before I did that I hit her.

#94 I was real scared in school today because I was taking the reading test.

#102 Today when I woke up I didn't feel like going to school. Millie came to my house and said to go. I got dressed and she said that she's going without me.

#103 I felt dizzy when I woke up because my room was messy and every time my sister would talk to me, she would drive me crazy because her breath smelled bad.

#104 While I was listening to the records, I thought I was a baby and I slapped my mother in the face and I beat up alot of men.

#105 I was mad when I woke up. I had to iron my clothes because I washed them yesterday and I had to give my little sister her breakfast because my mother was still sleeping.

#108 Today I was happy when I woke up because my mother ironed my clothes and gave me a dollar for the first time.

#113 I was happy because my aunt got married. When they were giving out the cake, they gave me two pieces and then they gave me a big piece from the wedding cake.

#114 I was happy because yesterday at 1:00 A.M. in the night, my cousins and myself and my sister scared my brother and my other cousin by recording scary noises that sounded like ghosts and they ran out of the room and stayed awake a long time.

#115 Yesterday I was happy because my sister took me to the movies and then to eat with her friends and mine.

#116 Today was a good day because I had no trouble doing my work and nobody was bothering me!

#117 I was mad because my head ached and then I was going crazy because my little sister started to cry.

CHAPTER 29

#4 I didn't feel anything.

#5 I saw our classroom and we were all there. We made jokes about Wanda and she was crying because we were laughing at her. She thought she was tough.

#8 I saw a man and a lady singing. The man dedicated the song to the lady and the lady dedicated it to the man. They were in love.

#11 I saw that when I was a baby a car hit me. They took me to the hospital. Everybody came to see and they brought me gifts and toys.

#12 I saw me and my cousin dancing in the disco. When she walked out, someone shot her. We brought her to the hospital. They put the guy who did it in jail.

#13 I pictured sitting down in the lunchroom. The kids from I.S. 71 had a half day and they came to our school. My boyfriend came and started singing to me because I left him and he wanted to come back with me. But I said "no" and then I said "o.k.," but don't tell anybody and he said "o.k." The next week everyone knew I was mad and he told my mother that I left him.

#15 I thought that I was a wild white horse and everybody always came to see me. They had a black horse called Chino and I loved him.

#16 When we were in the schoolyard today, Raymond was hitting the girls and kicking them, too. Boy did we beat him up and Omayra was still hitting him.

#17 I saw that I was in the sky like a bird and everyone was looking at me. They were saying that I was Superman. They thought I was a plane and a lady said "no," it's Supergirl, the Best.

#18 I remember when we were coming up, Angel was hitting a girl and Miguel, too. I broke up the fight and the girl from my class hit me on the ear and in my mouth.

#19 I remember a dream I had where I fell out of my bed. When I woke up in the morning, I was on the floor. My dream came true.

#20 When I heard the records, I felt something go into my body. I thought I was the persons who were singing the songs.

#22 I felt like the music was taking me up. I liked the music. I felt like a bird. The music was taking up and I was going up.

#25 I felt like a white horse. My owner was feeding me and cleaning me. I was playing with the other horses. I was a wild horse so my owner sold me and I was mad.

#26 I remember Sunday night coming home from a practice for a sweet sixteen. As we were walking back, I told Johnny to walk me home and he said "bye" to me and I said "bye" to him.

#27 I was dreaming that I fell from my bed and this morning my mother woke me and it was true, I did fall off my bed.

#29 I remember when we were playing Johnny-on-the-pony and I had to jump. I couldn't because we would fall and I would lose the game fast.

#31 I thought that when I was hearing the music I was in the sky flying and dancing and feeling happy.

#32 I saw I was flying in the air like a bird and I was as light as paper and I was going to leave the house where I lived at...

#36 I remember when we were in the auditorium, we saw Woody Woodpecker. It was about the men who were trying to catch the bird.

#37 I remember when I was at church. We were playing with the guys after church.

#40 I thought I was in the sky floating around like I was an angel. It was beautiful there with all the other angels.

#44 I thought that I was a piece of candy and they sold me at the G.O. store. My name is Tabs and they sell me for 5¢ and everybody buys.

#52 I dreamed that I was going to see the Golden Goose and I did.

#58 I remembered when I was a little girl. I used to be bad. I talked alot in class.

#72 I thought when I get home I was going to eat food and I pictured it in my mind. It was good.

#74 I thought that I was a snowflake falling down to the ground. A lady was going to step on me and I screamed out loud: "Don't step on me!" And she stepped on me!

#75 I was looking at my pencil and I thought I was a pencil. Everybody was using me to write.

#79 I thought I went to a circus and I saw Dumbo the elephant with his big ears and he was fat. I said to myself: "Poor me if he sits on me."

#80 I thought I was a pen and everybody used me up.

#83 I didn't think of anything.

#86 I didn't feel anything.

#87 I heard the phone ring and I got a headache.

#89 My aunt died on Wednesday and I cried alot.

#90 When I heard the music, I didn't think of anything.

#93 I thought I was an earring and when people passed by the store, I would say: "Buy me. I only cost $1.00."

#100 I thought that I was in the dark and I was very frigthened and worried about where I was going.

#101 I thought that I was eating pizza and I gained 12 pounds in one day. I was so full I couldn't even walk. I tried to run and my heart went up and down and I thought I was going to throw up my heart.

#103 I imagined I was lying on the grass and all these ants came from nowhere and chased me until they finally caught me. The End of the Story

#114 I thought I was the Queen of Hearts and I couldn't move because I was flat.

#115 Today I went to my house and ate like a pig.

#117 I thought I was a cloud and was bad to the sun.

CHAPTER 30

"A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHT."

I was thinking that it was 3:00 P.M. Time to go home.

I imagined winning the prize for the prettiest girl in the world.

I was in P.R. on the beach and I loved all the beautiful girls.

Today I am mad because I went home for lunch and no one was home. I went home for nothing.

I thought I was a big man walking home. But I said to myself that I am not a big man. I was a boy. But every thought came up man men man.

I thought today was the last day of school.

While we were in music, a girl from 6-2 was crying because she did not want to do the work that they gave her.

Today I had a very hard day. I had an ear ache and a very bad ear ache. I told the teacher about it. He said I could go to the bathroom. Maybe that would help.

I thought I was a fat man. I always bumped into things. One day I sat in a chair and the chair broke and I bounced all over the place.

I was angry because I woke up late for school. I was sleepy and I was having a nice dream and my mother woke me up.

Today when Marisol told me that her uncle died I said I am sorry that he died.

I thought I was walking in the sky. But while I was walking, somebody woke me up. I was not walking in the sky. I was sad. At night, when going to sleep, I dreamed that I was a giant in the sky. It was beautiful and I was happy. I looked like an angel flying in a beautiful day in the sky.

Today is a very nice day. I saw a very large bird in my head. It was me like an eagle in the sky.

My best best friends are Arthur and Miguel and I want it to be that way because they are like my brothers and we always play games like dodge together.

I was thinking about the time my brother broke my model airplane and he said that I hit him. It was a lie and my mother screamed at him for taking the plane. She said that he should hit me or tell her the truth. But then I took his book bag and threw out all of his books. They were all over the house and then I said that we were even.

I was angry at my friend and she was angry at me, too. She walked away and told her mother and her mother told me to be her friend and I said "o.k." and I was still mad at her and she was my friend.

I imagined that I was a millionaire and I was so rich that I couldn't count all the money I had.

I thought I had a beautiful girl for my own.

I was thinking that I was Fonzie and all the girls loved me.

I imagined that I was in a pool drowning and nobody was there to help me. It was very quiet there with no noise.

I was real sleepy and I went outside and I found a dollar and I thought I changed it to pennies 1¢ 1¢ 1¢ 1¢ 1¢ I love pennies.

I thought that the teacher was going to take us on a trip, but he didn't. I was sad.

I imagined Ralph got out of the class and all the girls were happy because he is a pain.

My brother had a fight with a guy who had a knife. I saw my brother with blood on him.

Today I felt great because the sun is out and it's a nice day. I could go downstairs with my skates.

I remembered when I was doing my homework. I made a mistake and I was so mad that I wanted to cry. I failed to succeed.

I was thinking that I was in a basement and a big rat came out and bit me in my leg.

I thought I was a pretty raindeer.

I thought I was a pencil and people used to knock me down and step on me and then killed me.

I was a little dog and I had a fight with a cat named Ivette.

I thought that the first day of school Vicky is not coming, but she did.

I was thinking that there will be no more school and no more teacher and no more work.

I imagined that I was a kitten fighting with people.

I wish I had a puppy.

I thought the school was knocked down.

I'm thinking that I am a fat pig jumping all around.

If I had one wish, that wish would be to help others not hurt arrest murderers and make the streets safer for kids.

I thought I was floating on a cloud and I was drifting in the cool air. I felt great.

I thought I was shrinking like an ant.

I'm thinking that I am a crocidile.

I remembered when I was trying to catch a bird because it couldn't fly and I jumped and fell and the bird flew away.

I felt calm relaxed and so happy that I would eat anything I like.

I thought that I was sick and I never came to school.

Today I feel like going home because the teacher is not in school and I don't like the substitute teacher. I don't know what to do.

I imagined being in a water bed alone with nobody bothering me.

When we go outside, I'm going to see my mother. I'm going to tell her to take me home. I am scared.

I thought I was dead and they were praying for me.

I was a penny and they gave me away to a bank.

I was thinking about the class. They are always fighting and they always get mad at each other and I wish they would stop.

I thought I was a feeling of love and an expression of love.

I had a thought that I was going to be the dumbest girl in the class because I always think that I can't do things or write things. But now I know I could do things.

I thought I could walk on a rainbow.

I imagined being the Statue of Liberty and alot of people were on top of me and some were in my hand.

Little dog little I go to a little dog named Mr. Pflaum.

I draw a little monkey that looks just like ________ the monkey girl. Just kitten.

I thought my grandmother was alive and I can have fun with her.

When I woke up today, I wished nothing would happen in school and something did.

I imagined I was a diamond ring with gold and silver in me.

I thought I jumped off the roof and suddenly the wind pushed out of the air and I was flying like Superman, but I didn't have a cape.

I thought that I was in a dream flying in the air like a bird.

I thought I was amouse and I was eating cheese. Angie was the cat and she tried to get me, but I threw the cheese in her face and got away.

I thought I was pretty like a kitten, but I was lonely. I met lots of new friends and we started playing a game called kitten-gold-seek.

I imagined being killed by a dog.

I thought I was a teacher and the children were real noisy and I started screaming at them.

I miss my friends in Canada. I always picked them up to play and I had lots and lots of fun.

I thought I was a flower and a little girl took me and kept me forever.

When we do the quotations, it makes me feel good.

I was thinking that love is nice like your mother and father love you very much.

I was imagining that I was in love with a girl.

I thought that I was a famous artist the best one in the world and nobody could top me.

I thought about the quote we did today. It was nice.

I thought I was a flower, but I was not. I became sad. I want people to like me.

I saw an egg coloring the floor and I picked it up. The egg cracked and it became a bird and flew away.

Today I felt terrible because I went to school and ate lunch that gave me a stomach ache.

"A penny spent is a penny earned."

I thought I was filled with money.

My thought was about love and like I said in reading: "I love everybody in the world!"

My fat brother was eating more food.

I thought I was a bird and then I became a man. I was not a bird...

I remember I fell from my bed and my dog bit me.

I thought that they would skip me to high school.

I was thinking of love that I would keep my marriage together and forever forever forever.

The guys were making fun of the girls today.

My sister was crying because her guy left her. I felt sad for her.

I thought I was a doll made out of paper and they threw me in the basket and that was the end of me.

I was a super star.

I imagined what it would be like to live in a cloud. It would be nice my house made of clouds.

I thought I was in love.

I remembered church that we sing and do alot of things and have agood time.

I thought about camp that it's so nice and peaceful.

In gym I thought we were going to lose, but we won two games and 4-2 was mad.

I imagined that I was asleep and that I was in another world and there was no one there but me and God.

I thought that I was the best person in the whole wide world.

I thought that I can fly high.

I can't wait until 3:00 P.M. so I can ride my bike.

Today I felt happy because the class went to gym and we won two times.

I thought I was going to pass the reading test.

I was thinking about poems. They are nice to write and one of these days I'm going to do alot.

I thought I was flying with a rope around my neck.

I wish summer vacation was here.

I thought I was as tiny as a mouse. It was so scary.

I thought I was a very little baby put in front of a door.

I imagined being in P.R. with my cousin in my uncle's store eating all the candies he's got.

I thought I could write poems and I will write until I die.

Today I felt terrible because when I was outside playing, I fell and hurt myself.

I dreamed about Pac-Man and I thought I was playing with it. I said I'm going to bring it to school and show my friends. When I woke up there was nothing in sight so I got mad. I was not going to school, but my mother said to go. I said I want to look for my Pac-Man and she told me I didn't have Pac-Man. "Now go to school," she said.

Today we went outside and we played handball and we won. I am so happy!

Today I felt great because it's warm out and we can go to the schoolyard.

I was thinking about going swimming, but I don't know how to swim. I think I'm never going to swim.

I thought I was dead in my bed, but I was not dead, I was sleeping.

I thought that I was a bug fish.

I wish I was in my house sleeping without noise.

I thought I was in the movies when I saw Superman and I was his wife forever.

Today I was thinking I was a star and a sun flying all around the world.

Today I am unhappy because it is raining and I don't like it because it gets cold.

I had a nice day in my dream and it was about today but it was not true and I am mad.

I thought that me and Manny were going to fight at lunchtime.

I was thinking about school work. It's sad and funny because you could learn.

I saw a cat. It was fat and had a long nose. It followed me everywhere I walked. When I tried to give it food, it was on a window and it jumped on me.

I thought I was a giant monster, but I thought I was a nice one.

I imagined being a rich woman and I got everything I wanted.

I thought about my uncle who died. I really loved him alot, but he had to die. I did not want him to die.

I thought I was an ant and somebody stepped on me.

I thought that today was a beautiful day to go to school.

I thought that I am scared of everyone and that everyone could beat me up.

I wish I could float on air and live there.

I thought that I was rich and I gave everyone money. I gave them each 5 pennies and then I went broke.

I thought I was a big huge bird flying in the air and looking down on the Earth.

I wish I could fly everyday and every night.

I thought I was going to fail the reading test.

I was thinking I had alot of money and I bought a car, a house and a store, too, and then my money wasted and I had to sell everything.

I thought I never would finish the test, but I did and now I'm scared.

I was scared taking the test. When I finished, I checked it and I got happy.

When I saw Michelle taking the test, I thought it was me.

I was thinking that I was a teacher putting alot of math and reading and homework on the board. Maybe I'll get to be a teacher one of these days and I would put alot of work on the board. One of these days one of these days one of these days one of these days...

I thought I was a penny and I was mad because I wasn't worth anything.

I thought I had all the women in the world.

I was thinking that I was a wall and people would hit me. I did not like that and felt sad and unhappy.

I was thinking that when they give me homework, it looks like school in my house study not play.

Today I scared Angel and he started crying because he thought I was going to beat him up.

I thought I was a cow and I ate my owner's hair and I ate Mr. Pflaum's hair, too.

I was thinking that I was in a boat sailing far away. I was a sailor woman and my boat had a house on top of it and I lived there with Sandra Omayra and Millie.

I thought about being friends with the whole wide world and never fight with them and never argue with them.

I was wondering about the reading test. I want to know what I was going to score.

I'm scared because tomorrow I will act in a play and I'm scared.

I feel as if I'm going to die. I feel bad.

I was thinking that I was a rug. Every time a person comes, they step on me and flatten me out.

I thought I was home eating and eating until I was full like a car full of gas.

My sister and me talk like babies and my mother's getting mad at us.

My brother and I had a fight. He almost sat on me and I thought that I would die.

My dog was in my bed and when I looked, he had my shoe and broke it.

I imagined that I was a house of crazy people. If you go in my, you come out crazy and hurt.

I thought I was a cute lady bug so I could go to far-away places like P.R.

I wish I was a penny so I could get into banks.

I was thinking about the time we were doing spelling. I wrote 3 things about Angel.

I thought I was a nice car and one day I broke down and I was unhappy.

I was thinking about gym. I fell and I looked like Stupidman.

I thought Belinda was a cat and I was a little mouse. Every time I went to the store to steal some cheese, she tried to eat me.

This is about the Three Pigs. I was a pig, Belinda was a pig and Michelle was a pig. I told Belinda and Michelle that I think Marisol is trying to eat us and we better run for it.

I was thinking of a friend of mine. She's so scared that she's even scared of the teacher.

I was thinking about buying a new bike.

Today I'm happy because I'm going rollerskating with my friends.

I thought I was a book and everyone loves to read me. They liked me until a dog came by and I fell on the floor and he ate me up.

I thought I was in the hospital dieing.

Today when I woke up I was mad because I didn't know what to wear and I came to school late.

I thought I was a bug and I ate Alex up because he was making fun of me. I just got mad and ate him up and then I said: "Now it's the end of you. I'm going to eat you up. Good-bye Alex."

Today I'm going to the doctor and I don't want to go because I hate doctors.

I thought I was a light shining all the houses. I got so tired I went to sleep and I fell and broke into little pieces of glass.

My brother and my father had a fight and my father told me brother that he's big so he could get out of the house and live his life the way he wants.

I wish that Manny G. was my brother.

I was thinking that I was an old lady.

I thought that I was a clock and every time my hands would strike 6:00, they would go "bong bong" and I would get a headache.

I thought I was of another world, but I was not from another world. O.k., o.k., o.k?

My big brother came to say good-bye to all of us and he was crying. I love my big brother so I had a fight with him. He told me that if I really love him, I would go with him. I told him "no," this is my mother's house not his. So he hit me, but I don't care because my brother is back living in my house.

My father said: "_________, you are not my daughter." I said, "I know. You're so ugly next to me." He got mad at me for the whole day.

I saw a nose jumping on a rug.

Today when I woke up, I went back to sleep because it was 5:00 A.M. My mother went to wake me up and I said, "Let me sleep more," and she said "so." It was 7:30 A.M. and I woke up and now I wish I had been sleeping again.

My brother went to his girlfriend's house for the first time and came back full of dirt. He had to get the cat out of a tree house.

My father said to my mother that she was fat and ugly. He was just playing and she got mad.

I wish I wasn't born because I can't understand my life. I tell it to my friend and she says that her life is the same thing. She said that her life is worse. I wish I was with God and he could tell me that my life is not like that so I could stop saying all these things.

My mother said I was a stick because I don't eat alot at home.

I thought I was asleep in school.

I was thinking that I had the biggest headache in the world and a boy came up to me and kissed me and I became well.

My mother and father and sisters and brothers are all in love with my big sister. They are all ugly.

I was thinking about myself because when my brother hits me I start fighting and then my mother hits me. I always try and tell her that it's my brother who started and she still doesn't believe me and sometimes I say in my mind that I want to run away.

My sister was watching t.v. It was a sad movie and she started crying. I told her she was crazy because she was crying for a movie.

I was thinking that I was a teacher and I knew everything in the world.

I was thinking about all the work that we have done. I am proud of the work we did because I wanted to learn.

I thought I was a little girl and I started to cry because Mr. Pflaum scared me. He's like a monster.

I wish I was a car so I could go fast.

I thought that I was the dumbest girl in the classroom. I thought that I did not know anything.

My father said to me, "You ugly girl." "Thank you old man," I said.

My big sister said to my little sister that she was fat, fat, fat and my little sister said when you get bigger you are going to be fat fat, too.

I was thinking that I was a desk and every time they would put books on me I used to cry because they would smash me.

Today I was thinking about passing to the 6th grade. I wish I could be in Richard's class next year.

I thought of me and Angel not being friends, but we are good friends.

I was thinking that Carlos, Manny J., Jesus and Alex are my best best best friends and they are my best best best friends.

I wish I passed to the 6th grade because I know how it feels to get left back.

Today I feel good because it's a hot day and we don't have to do alot of work because alot of kids are sick.

I felt so happy yesterday because I went outside and stood up to the night.

I remember when me and Arthur had a fight and then we started talking again and we became friends.

I thought that I was dead in Marisol's head.

I wish I could be everything.

I was thinking about the reading test. It was easy.

I was thinking about contemplation. It's good and it's funny to me. Contemplation is important to my life.

I thought that I would be an artist when I get older and I am going to be an artist when I get older.

My mother said she was going to see my father wrestle and she was going to see him lose.

I was doing my work and the class was so noisy that I couldn't do any work.

Me and my friend had a fight and I told her to go to her house and stay there. The End.

My mother wants me to see my uncle, but I hate my uncle and I just don't want to see him. The End.

My brother was crying because my sister ate his candies.

My sister was crying because I said that I hate my little baby sister and then they hit me.

I felt sick. I can't wait till lunch. Hopefully, I can eat some pizza.

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Arthur Cintron
Angel Cruz
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Sandra Estrella
Belinda Garcia
Manuel Gonzalez
Vicky Guadalupe
Manuel Jimenez
Michelle LeGrand
Omayra Llano
Jesus Merced
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